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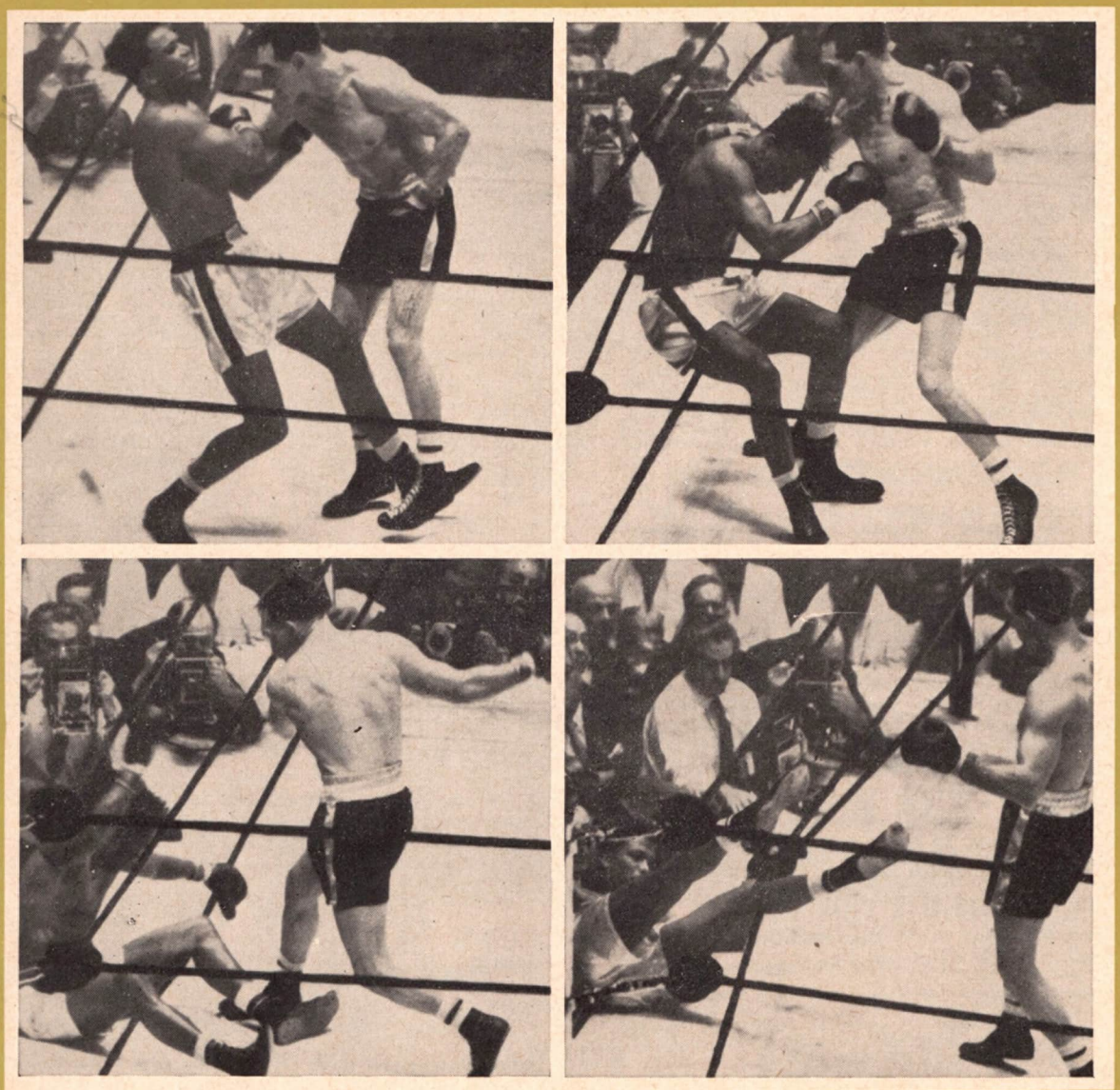

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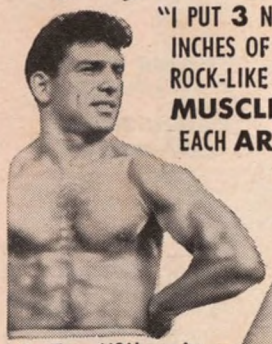

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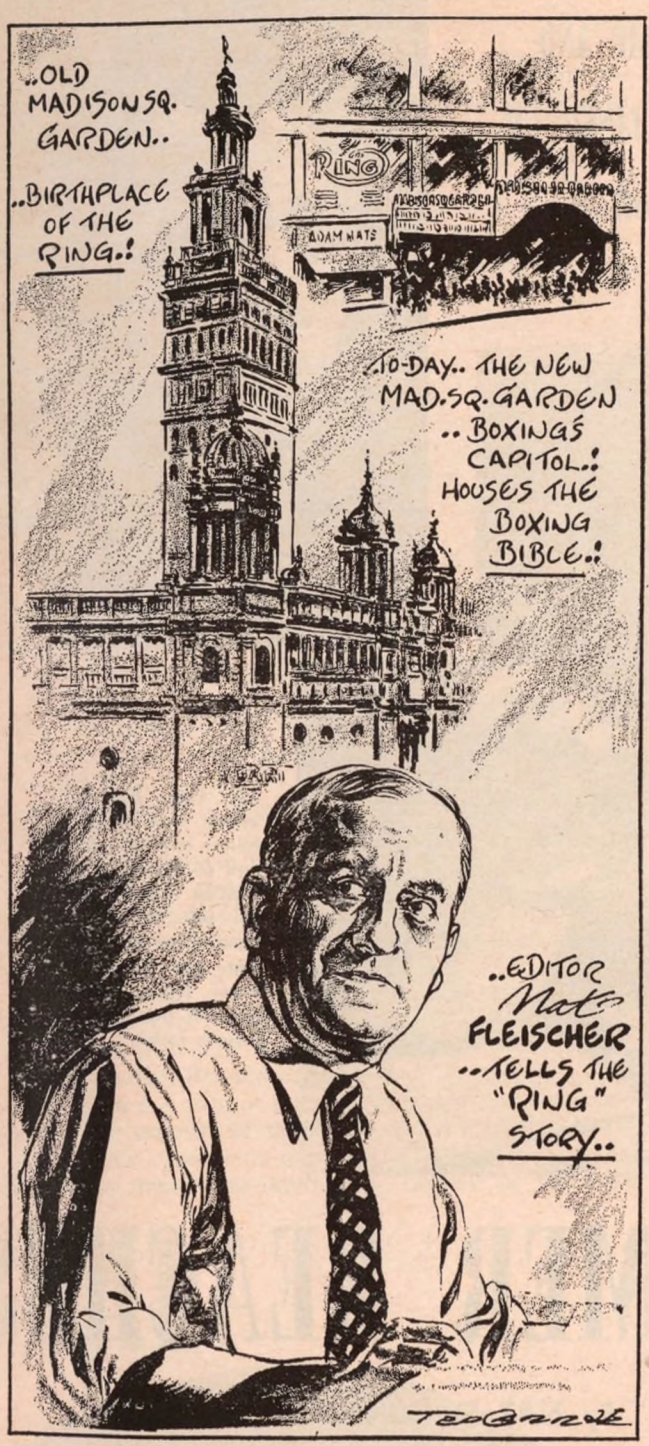


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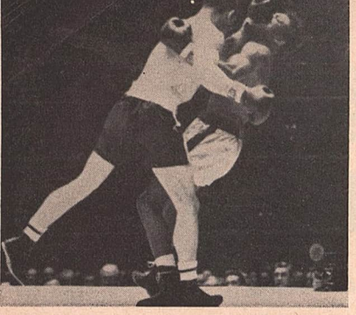

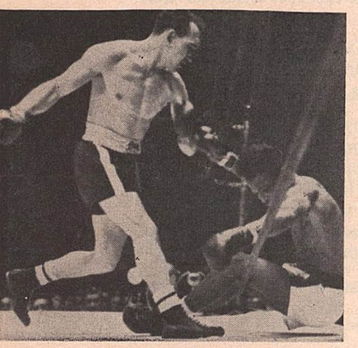

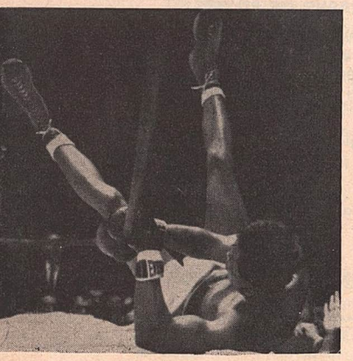

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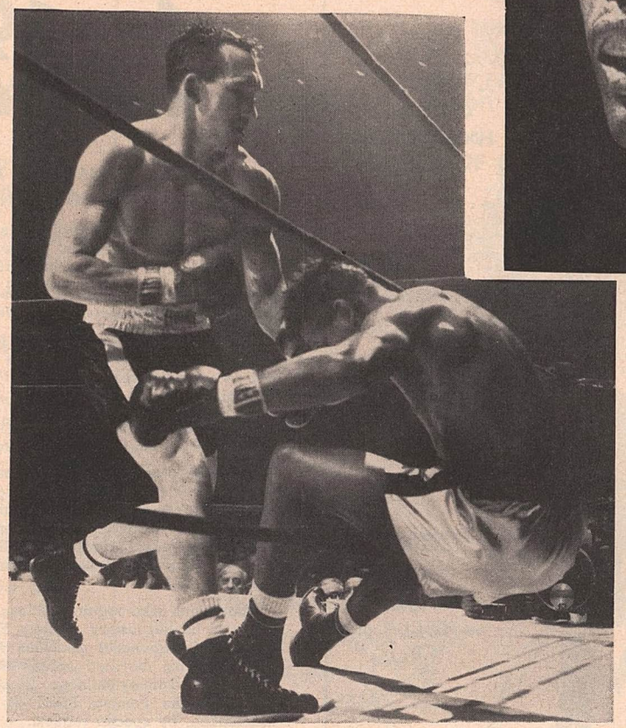

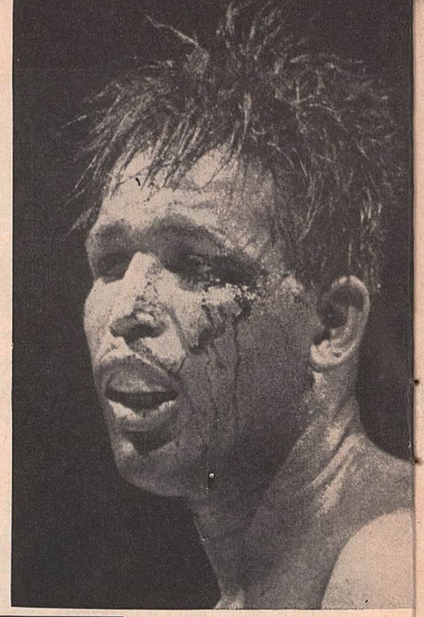

Top: Sugar Ray, a beaten hulk of his former self, the picture of dejection as decision is announced. Left: The right hand to the stomach that sent Robinson down through the ropes in that torrid seventh round.

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The new champion prefers New York as the battle site but since Norris owns the Chicago Stadium and the TV sponsors of both Wednesday and Friday fights are opposed to a blackout in New York, unless the fight is an outdoor affair, Chicago will get it.

Robinson, who won the welter title, abandoned it; won the middleweight championship and lost it; won it again and turned it in only to make a comeback and win it a third time, then Ray lost to Fullmer.

Robinson is a man of pride. The loss of the crown irks him. The majority of those who saw the Garden battle, either in the arena or on television, are of the opinion that Sugar Ray wants the return only because of the sugar

Gene Fullmer, Mormon from Utah, new holder of the middleweight title, sharing his moment of glory with his friend and manager Marv Jenson (right).

involved. The money, they think, is uppermost in his mind.

But listening to Ray's reasons for seeking the bout, one definitely gets the impression that his pride has been hurt and that he honestly believes he can take Fullmer next time. He is selling himself to the public for another big gate on the idea that he is destined to regain the title as he did when he halted Randy Turpin in their return engagement.

### ROBINSON WAS PAST PRIME IN DEFEAT BY FULLMER

In 16 years of competition, Ray engaged in 141 battles. It is expected that at this stage of his career, his natural ability should be well past its true greatness and so it was exemplified when he fought Fullmer. He possessed only a small part of the truly great ringcraft that gained for him a niche in the Fistic Hall of Fame.

Ray fought the type of battle that best served his purpose but which turned out to be the style that played into the hands of his opponent. By holding as frequently as he did, Robinson gave his challenger an opportunity to clout body and head in a manner that clearly indicated the extent to which the Peerless One has gone back. A tearing-in, aggressive, bull-dog style of rugged, mauling fighting, earned for Fullmer the crown.

The boy from West Jordan, Utah, a Mormon elder ten years Ray's junior, had been preparing for the championship match for half a year, is a good, tough battler with plenty of grit, endurance, perserverance and muscular power, all of which he employed with effectiveness, despite his crudeness and awkwardness, as Sugar Ray explained when asked his opinion of his conqueror. That Gene undoubtedly is, but they sufficed against the man whom he faced. Had Robinson boxed more, an asset he still possesses, as exemplified in several of the rounds which he won, especially

A man's best friend is his mother! Fullmer receives a kiss and hug from his mother (Mary) outside dressing room immediately after bout. "We finally made it Mom," said Gene.

**No quarter asked! Fullmer moving in, always on the attack, with Robinson trying to ward him off while looking for a clean shot. Fullmer piled up the points with Robby running out of gas before he could connect with sufficient pay-off punches.**

in the fourth, fifth and ninth, he would have come closer to winning than he did.

By holding frequently, he absorbed a body beating from his more powerful, aggressive opponent. Gene, arms raised high to protect face and chin, fighting much as did Robert Villemain and Marcel Cerdan, French aces, scorned Ray's tosses. When he got in close, Gene waded in with flaying fists to the mid-section and whipped either hand to the side of the head or neck as Ray kept an octopus hold on him.

When the fight was over, Ray's mentors, five in all, complained bitterly about "rabbit punches", but Gene was correct in answering that he delivered neck and head blows but not rabbit punches. There is quite a difference between the Rabbit and a Neck punch. I saw none of the former.

Had Ray not held as often as he did and had Referee Ruby Goldstein warned the defending title-holder for violation of the "no holding" rule, there would have been no need for Fullmer to clout away at Ray's neck. Ezzard Charles was recently disqualified in the second round in London in his bout with Richardson for far less holding than did Robinson in the Garden bout.

**FULLMER KEPT PUTTING PRESSURE ON OLDER FOE**

Fullmer fought with such fury that it took the fight out of Robinson. Many times Ray looked up at the clock mid-way through a round hoping, no doubt, that the gong would sound for the rest period. The champion was unable to take charge for more than fleeting intervals but when he did, his delivery was perfect, his punching most effective and the sting of his blows excelled those of his opponent. Unfortunately for him, however, he didn't carry on the attack often enough to enable him to overcome his rival's advantage.

It was in those spasmodic spurts that the fans recalled the true Ray Robinson. He came apart between the tenth and fifteenth rounds when a stubborn body attack by Gene brought on fatigue. Ray boxed beautifully in the ninth and eleventh rounds. He made his last desperate drive to retain the crown in the final round with as dandy a rally as I've seen a champion go through when the odds on a triumph were so far against him that only a knockout could save the crown.

Fullmer never deviated from the strategy that had been planned for him. The pattern was the same round after round—always coming forward, defense tight, taking a good blow now and then while advancing for close range battling and then opening up. He has no explosive power, but enough to worry an opponent and keep him busy protecting himself as Robinson learned.

Gene employed his youth and strength to fine advantage. The sixth and fourteenth rounds were two in which he proved his ruggedness by battering Ray's body severely.

The ninth round was the turning point of the fight. It was the round in which Gene took all his opponent could dish out, a session in which Robbie handed his rival the kind of punishment that brought La Motta's downfall and that of many of Ray's other opponents when he was in his prime. But it did nothing other than to slow Fullmer for a portion of the round. That it was a critical round for Sugar Ray was obvious by the look of amazement on his face as he walked to his corner, discouraged on noting that he couldn't drop Gene.

Fullmer had tested Robbie at his best in that round and realized he had nothing more to fear. Ray had spent his energy in trying to halt Gene's advance in that frame and his best efforts were of no avail. He had turned loose a stream of punches such as had wrecked many previous

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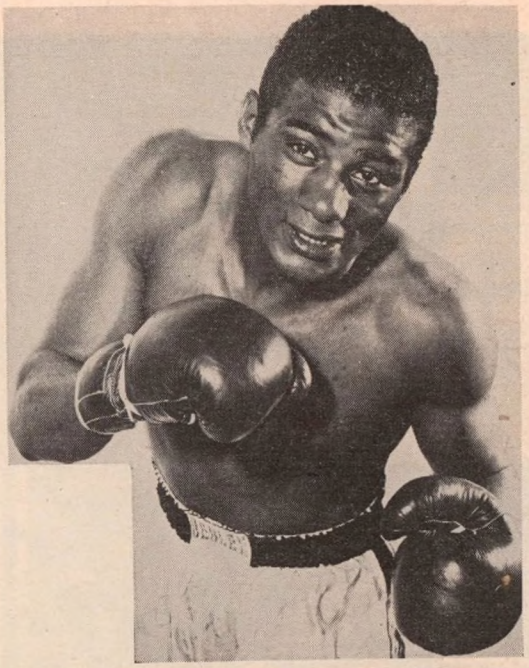

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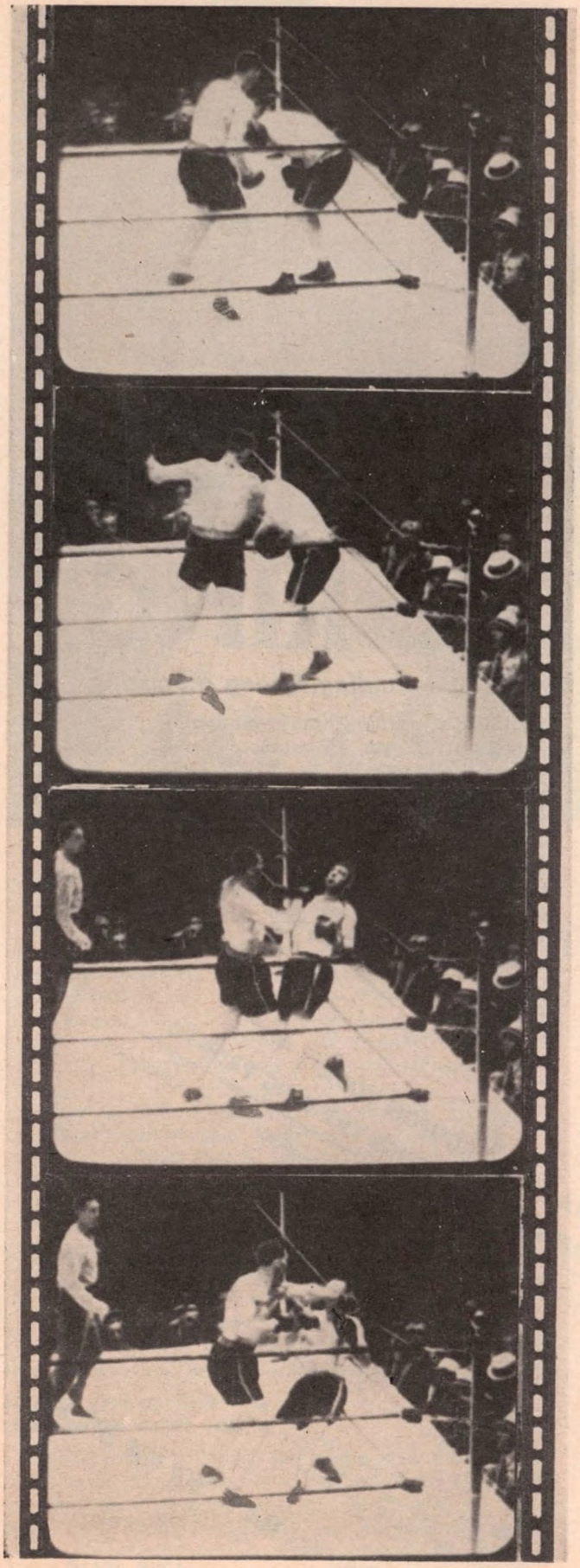


This sequence of photos shows Jack Sharkey backed up against the ropes, with Primo Carnera executing the right uppercut and following through with a left. But even these graphic pictures don't prove anything conclusively.

# Did Carnera KO Sharkey With Phantom Punch?

By DAN DANIEL

ON October 12, 1931, in New York, Jack Sharkey, heavyweight contender, defeated Primo Carnera, another big man with his eyes on Max Schmeling's title, in a fifteen round fight.

On June 29, 1933, in the Long Island City Bowl in New York, Carnera knocked out Sharkey, who had outpointed Schmeling for the title. Primo stopped the former Gob in the sixth.

This ring detective saw the knockout, and he had his opinions on the fight at the time.

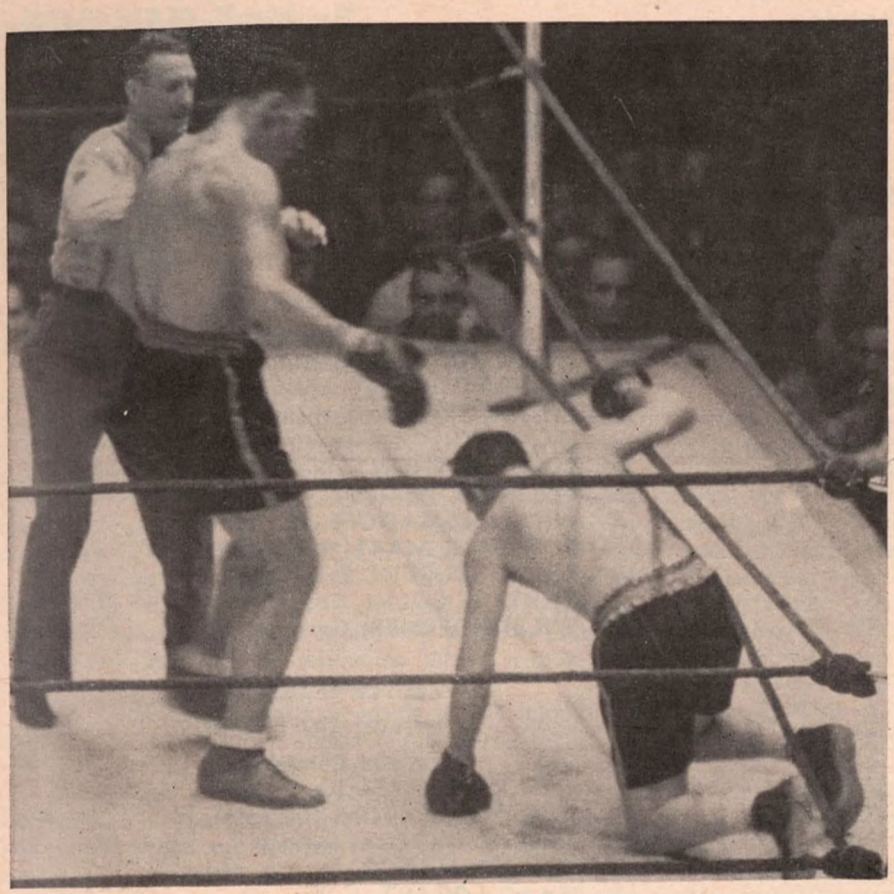
These opinions have been jelling for the past 24 years and call for a review of the fight, and an airing of notions which have been taking firmer hold with the passing of those years.

One year after his startling success against Sharkey, who had been a 6 to 5 favorite, Carnera was knocked out by Max Baer, in the eleventh.

In order to understand fully the heavyweight developments of the time it is necessary to know certain things which are not in the record book.

In 1933, the boxing business was permeated with hoodlums. Prohibition was on its last legs. Repeal became effective in December of that year.

Those who for thirteen years had fattened on the illegal manufacture and sale of liquor and beer now had to turn to some other sources of "easy money", and sure thing revenues through control of boxers, financial machinations,



**Referee Arthur Donovan pulls Primo Carnera off the fallen Jack Sharkey as the Boston Gob goes down. Sharkey lost the world heavyweight championship in a bout that produced one of the most controversial endings.**

and maneuvers based on exercise of fear tactics, and worse.

It was a time of taking men for rides, of imbedding human beings in concrete and tossing the solid amalgam into a river. It was an era of wild activity by the flouters of the law, and the ignorers of human decencies.

### HOW MUCH DID THE HOODS CONTROL CARNERA?

Boxing fought ardently to escape contamination from the hoods. But they took hold in some places, and got control of situations.

Fighters were warned, *"Take the dive or something worse."* Honest managers were terrorized. Dishonest ones lived in an atmosphere far more tolerant of their unholy dealings than the climate had been for them ever before.

There was an air of *"What are we going to do, and what can we do?"* in some locations in boxing. If there are undercover managers today, there were ten times—yes, twenty times,—as many back in the days of prohibition, and the foul air emanating from hoodlums involved in ring business.

The question now arises, How much control did the thugs have over Carnera, and some of his fights?

How many of Primo's opponents were intimidated with threats? How much of the Italian's buildup may be attributed to boxing talent, to power of punch, and how much to the manoeuvers of force and larceny experts behind the scenes, and their more public henchmen?

It was a time of strange social tenets. Newspapermen of the higher echelons attended Al Capone's levees in Miami. It was considered the thing to do.

Hoodlums became involved in the boxing picture in New York rather publicly. Their pictures appeared in sports pages, as if they were reputable men. They were quoted as if they had the capacity for honesty and fairness.

Carnera, in particular, attracted hoodlum interest. The Italian Behemoth, who made about two million dollars in this country, and who left here with the belief that he should have had something like $600,000 for his end, returned to Italy broke, disillusioned.

### CARNERA RING CAREER NOW CAREFULLY EXAMINED.

Carnera was not a great fighter. He was a prognathous gland case, 6 feet 5¾ inches in height, weighing close to 260 pounds. He started out in Paris, in 1928, under the management of Leon See.

The record book says that Carnera retired after a ten round defeat in 1946 by Luigi Musina. But Da Prime really quit the ring, later to blossom forth anew as a wrestler, in 1937, after he had been knocked out in two heats in Budapest by one Josef Zupan. Leroy Haynes had stopped Primo twice in this country.

Let it not be said that as a fighter, Carnera was a mere figment of the imagination. Nor is this any effort to cast discredit on Primo's entire career, or impugn his personal bonafides and honesty of intention.

But, as a world champion, Carnera certainly left a lot to be desired, and much to be accounted for.

Carnera had 97 fights. He scored 65 knockouts. It is interesting that a few months before he knocked out Sharkey, he stopped Ernie Schaaf in thirteen.

However, Ernie was not a well man that night. He had taken a terrific beating from Max Baer and had been hospitalized.

Also, when Schaaf met Primo, Ernie was convalescing from a severe attack of the flu. Quite definitely, Schaaf had a brain injury. He died a few days after the Carnera fight.

When Carnera beat Sharkey, he had more managers than any other heavyweight in history.

The late Walter Friedman brought Carnera to this country. This made Walter a partner with See.

Friedman was lacking both in cash and persuasiveness and brought the late Bill Duffy into the situation. Duffy was reputed to be in the business of disseminating interest in alcoholic beverages. Later a banker named Louis Soreci became involved.

Behind Duffy, rumor had it, was Ownie Madden, whom the late Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, of New York, exiled from that city and who now is in Hot Springs, Ark., leading a quiet and conceivably exemplary life.

### BOXING WRITERS DID NOT LIKE THE FIGHT

The fight in which Carnera beat Sharkey was not admired by the boxing writers of 1933.

The late Murray Lewin, in the Mirror, wrote, *"Another reason for suspicion is that Sharkey, after failing to exert himself to any extent, during the first five rounds, suddenly folded up in the sixth and made little, if any, real effort to keep Carnera off him, as he did in the preceding rounds.*

*"The result was that Carnera mauled, wrestled and shoved Jack Sharkey around until he had him in position against*

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By NAT FLEISCHER

# WORLD RATINGS

**RATINGS AS OF JANUARY 22nd, 1957**

## HEAVYWEIGHTS

**(Over 175 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
2—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
3—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
6—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
7—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
8—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
9—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
10—**WAYNE BETHEA,** New York

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS

**(Not over 160 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah

1—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
4—**ELLSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
6—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.
8—**NEAL RIVERS,** Las Vegas, Nev.
9—**CHEBO HERNANDEZ,** Mexico
10—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.

## LIGHTWEIGHTS

**(Not over 135 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**JOE BROWN,** New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
4—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
5—**WALLACE (BUD) SMITH,** Cincinnati, O.
6—**ORLANDO ZULUETA,** Cuba
7—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
8—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
9—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
10—**JIMMY CARTER,** New York, N. Y.

## BANTAMWEIGHTS

**(Not over 118 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy

1—**RAUL (RATON) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
4—**GERMAN OHM,** Mexico
5—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
7—**ROBERT TARTARI,** France
8—**DANTE BINI,** France
9—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
10—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

**(Not over 175 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.

1—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
2—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
3—**HANS STRETZ,** Germany
4—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
5—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
6—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
7—**DOGOMAR MARTINEZ,** Uruguay
8—**RANDY TURPIN,** England
9—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
10—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany

## WELTERWEIGHTS

**(Not over 147 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
2—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
3—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
4—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
8—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
10—**JOE MICELI,** New York, N. Y.

## FEATHERWEIGHTS

**(Not over 126 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**TITLE VACANT**

1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
3—**MIGUEL BERRIOS,** Puerto Rico
4—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
6—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
7—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
8—**GIL CADILLI,** Los Angeles
9—**ALTIDORO POLIDORI,** Italy
10—**VICTOR (SONNY) LEON,** Venezuela

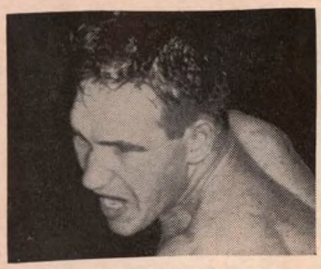
Sandy Saddler Retired on Jan. 21, 1957

## FLYWEIGHTS

**(Not over 112 pounds)**

**World Champion**
**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina

1—**MEMO DIAZ,** Mexico
2—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
5—**DOMMY URUSA,** Philippines
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
8—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
9—**ROBERT POLLAZON,** France
10—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba



**GENE FULLMER**
**Fighter of the Month**

## PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

**HEAVYWEIGHTS—Tony Hughes, Cleveland, O.**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Len Mullen, Scotland**
**MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Mickey Brown, Houston, Texas**
**WELTERWEIGHTS—Mickey Crawford, Detroit, Mich.**
**LIGHTWEIGHTS—Aime Morin, Lewiston, Maine**
**FEATHERWEIGHTS—Joey Mazon, New York, N. Y.**
**BANTAMWEIGHTS—Ken McCurry, Charlotte, N. C.**
**FLYWEIGHTS—Jean Guerard, France**

GENE FULLMER of West Jordan, Utah, copped the month's laurels when he gained the unanimous decision over Ray Robinson in Madison Square Garden to win the world middleweight championship. Gene's feat put a crimp into the proposed summer match between Sugar Ray and Carmen Basilio, but Robinson will have an opportunity to regain his throne when he clashes with his conqueror in a return engagement. Robinson, the deposed champion, has exchanged places with Fullmer and is now ranked the Number One challenger.

The second title match scheduled for the month, that between Basilio and the man he deposed, Johnny Saxton, was postponed due to a hand injury. The new year promises to be very active for the top notch talent, with several championship bouts in the making.

With a new heavyweight king sitting on the throne, the division over which Floyd Patterson rules holds the attention of the public. Though Archie Moore, scaling at present 200 pounds, still holds the light heavyweight crown, he'll have to decide soon whether he wants to take a chance on making the weight and defending his title, or vacate it and continue to fight as a heavyweight. Jim Norris is trying to match him with Chuck Spieser for Detroit and the report "The Ring" has received from Archie and his manager Charley Johnston, is that he can and will make the weight when ready to face his light heavyweight challenger.

By his victory over Bob Baker, Harold Carter continued his climb, advancing from fourth to third with Baker dropping from sixth to eighth place.

European champion Ingemar Johansson, who kayoed Peter Bates, advanced from eight to seventh and Bob Satterfield, the in-and-out heavy who is on a kayo streak, stopped Dale Hall and is back on sixth position, going up one peg.

Zora Folley repeated his win, another split decision over Wayne Bethea and gained one notch, up from tenth to ninth, while Johnny Holman, inactive, has been eliminated, Bethea replacing him. Bethea is tenth. Eddie Machen remains fifth and Willie Pastrano has been dropped from third to fourth post despite his recent triumph over Charlie Norkus in a rather poor contest.

Chuck Spieser of Lansing, Mich., though ranked second to Gerhard Hecht of Germany, looks like the most likely challenger for a bout with Moore in the light heavyweight division. He changed places with Hans Stretz of Germany, listed third with Tony Anthony of New York, another hot contender, rated next in line. He took Yolande Pompey's place due to Yolande's inactivity.

Former champion Randy Turpin has returned to the ratings. He is ranked eighth, taking Gordon Wallace's place, the Canadian being eliminated. Dogomar Martinez of Uruguay moved up from tenth to seventh with Colin of France and Hoepner of Germany, each dropped a notch to ninth and tenth, respectively.

Charley Humez of France continues as the Number Two contender for middleweight honors with Ralph Jones of Yonkers, N. Y. and Ellsworth Spider Webb of Chicago, following.

Chebo Hernandez of Juarez, on a long winning streak, including a win over Neal Rivers, is ranked ninth with Rivers dropped from seventh to eight and Charley Joseph of New Orleans, down from ninth to tenth. Bobby Boyd, inactive due to a broken jaw, has temporarily been removed from the rankings. Johnny Saxton of New York remains the Number One contender among the welters, with Gasper Ortega of Mexico, next in line due to his triumphs over Tony DeMarco of Boston, rating third.

The victory of Orlando Zulueta of Cuba over Larry Boardman, has brought a number of changes in the top ten among the lightweights. Duilio Loi retains the challenger's post but every other member of the group has been shifted.

Boardman went down from two to four with Kenny Lane of Muskegon, upped from fifth to second place. Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Cal., jumped from seventh to third position with inactive Bud Smith, waiting for champion Joey Brown's hand to heal so that he can get his return bout and Cisco Andrade of Compton, Cal., dropped from third to fifth and fourth to seventh places, respectively.

Zulueta has been returned to sixth post and Jimmy Carter, former champion, though inactive since losing to Boardman, is now in tenth position. Richie Howard of Canada has been eliminated.

Cherif Hamia, who though held to a draw by Italian Altidoro Polidori, continues as Number One challenger among the feathers. Polidori is rated ninth, taking the place of inactive Ciro Moracen of Cuba.

Carmelo Costa who defeated Paul Jorgensen has been upped from fifth to fourth, with Jorgensen down from second to fifth place. Miguel Berrios is third and Gil Cadilli, who defeated him, is in eighth place.

Many changes took place in the bantam division. Robert Tartari of France who held world champion Mario D'Agata to a draw; Al Asuncion of the Philippines who kayoed British Empire champion Peter Keenan and French champion Dante Bini who upset Tanny Campo, are listed seventh, eighth, and ninth respectively, with Jose Lopez of Mexico tenth. Three of the four top men, leading challengers for D'Agata's world crown: Raul Macias of Mexico, Leon Espinosa of Manila, and Alphonse Halimi of France, have retained their old positions in that order. Billy Peacock's draw with Larry Bataan of Manila, brought Peacock down to fifth place.

Inactive Fili Nava of Mexico, Keenan and Kevin James of Australia were removed to make room for the newcomers. Still another change finds Mexican star German Ohm advanced from eighth to fourth. Ohm has scored twelve straight victories.

Another newcomer made the headlines when Pone Kingpetch of Bangkok, champion of Thailand outclassed Danny Kid of the Philippines to land in seventh place. Danny's defeat cost him his high spot. He was dropped from fifth to eighth. A championship match with the Orient title at stake, will find the Thailander pitted against Hitoshi Misako of Japan.

Dommy Urusa of the Philippines who upset Memo Diez has entered the rankings in fifth position with Diez who will have fought Pascual Perez in a world title match as this issue went to press, holding down the top challenge post pending the outcome of that title match.

Oscar Suarez of Cuba has dropped to tenth from seventh place and Aristide Pozzali of Italy, unbeaten in 1956, was

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The champ in action! Gene Fullmer, middleweight from Utah, delivers a right hand punch. Note change of facial expression during delivery from calmness to savagery and back again all in a fraction of a second.

# The MAN From UTAH

## Boxing Welcomes Fullmer As Middleweight champion

By NAT LOUBET

UTAH, center of Mormon culture has given boxing a "Cyclone" in Gene Fullmer, the new middleweight champion of the world.

Boxing has also benefited by Utah's Marv Jensen, the suave and glib manager of Fullmer, a new breed among those who guide the destinies of boxers.

With the rise of Fullmer and Jensen the fighting industry gets an added shot of the straight and clean. There are no pieces of Fullmer spread among unsavory characters. He is the property of Jensen.

But then the term "property" is not entirely correct. Jensen has been the trainer and life-time friend of the entire Fullmer family and does not consider Gene his chattel.

Gene was born in West Jordan on July 21, 1931 and was only six years old when he first took an interest in boxing. It was then that he came to Jensen's notice. Marv has always been interested in youngsters and their welfare and has imbued Fullmer with that same outlook.

A friendship was struck up between these two Mormons from the very beginning. Jensen had set up a gym of sorts in his home and he allowed those in their teens to expend their energies in developing better bodies.

By the time Gene was twelve he had started to box in the amateurs. He was supposed to be sixteen. He managed to compete in AAU events.

Jensen's description of Gene at that age was cryptic: "*He was quite a kid, Ol' Gene. He loved boxing and I was sure he would do very well at it.*"

There are points of similarity between Fullmer and Jensen. Neither smokes, drinks alcoholic liquors nor cusses, and both are of the early to bed and early to rise variety. They are elders of their church.

### COPPER WELDING, MINK RANCHING, GENE'S CO-INTERESTS

Marv is a mink rancher and has set up Fullmer as a raiser of these luxury animals.

Gene has a mink ranch at his parent's home. After winning the crown he was asked if he intended to enlarge his mink operations now that he was champ.

A serious fellow, he often spills humor without meaning it as such. His answers are always forthright and lacking the curves sometimes encounted with celebrities.

*"I don't expect to buy any more minks right now . . . I have twenty-five females,"* he paused, *"We'll see what happens with them."*

Eventually Gene will become a big mink rancher but he is taking no chances and is learning to become a welder at the Kennecott Copper Company at Bingham where he works as an apprentice drawing down $17.56 for his daily labors.

All of which prompted Barney Nagler, sports columnist, to ask Gene if it weren't too bad that he hadn't been able to win the *"welterweight"* championship instead of the middleweight.

Asked about his skill as a welder Gene replied: *"A man must have a full life. Minks aren't enough at this age, and welding is something to fall back on later, if necessary. Then too, I like the people I work with and my father is a foreman at the same plant."*

Gene has a small, bashful smile that is out of place among his craggy features, deep set eyes and flattened nose. He has black hair and soft brown eyes that contrast sharply with his displaced nose.

The champ still maintains that he got his nose that way as a child when he fell down and that boxing wasn't the cause. He is quiet and well spoken. Although he looks the part of a world boxing champion with his full shoulders and strongly knit frame packed on 5'8" he is still the easy going personality that he was before winning the title. He takes his new position as leader of the world's middleweights matter of factly, and has no doubts as to his fighting ability. He is a trifle cocky about it but is impressed by his new role as a celebrity and doesn't quite understand why all the sports writers and hero worshippers crowd his door.

### VICTORY OVER HUMEZ WAS SPRINGBOARD TO TITLE

We recall an interview we had with Fullmer and Jensen in The Ring Magazine office immediately after Gene had decisively defeated Charley Humez, then rated as the number one middleweight contender.

**One of the most dutiful trainers in boxing Gene is shown skipping rope to increase fleetness afoot, develop leg strength. His brother Jay, 19 year old lightweight, watched the champ's technique.**

Gene setting up the Fullmer Christmas tree while wife, Dolores and five month old daughter Kaye look on. This was prior to his winning the title. Below: Father (Lawrence) and Brother (Jay) look on as Mother (Mary) feeds the champ some of his favorite dishes during victory celebration after winning the title from Robinson.

Tommy Loughran, ex-light heavyweight champ, looks over picture of Fullmer smashing Robinson through the ropes. Gene, not much of a Fancy Dan, gets a few pointers from Tommy, who was.

*"I wouldn't want to fight Robinson if I didn't deserve it but I think I've worked hard for the chance. I'm ready for him and I think he is about ready to be taken. I know I can do it,"* said Fullmer.

This was not said in a boasting vein but as a man talks about his job and what he knows he can accomplish.

Fullmer is something like Rocky Marciano in his sacrifices to the demanding task of training.

Like Rocky did, Gene keeps in condition at all times.

In the dressing room after the Robinson fight Jensen was asked about Gene's future plans. Would he take a vacation?

In a jocular mood Jensen replied: *"If I know Gene here, he'll want to take it at the welding plant."* He continued: *"Seriously, Ol' Gene here has been in training steadily for over eight months and I think he should take some time out for a rest."*

Asked to pick his toughest fight, Fullmer said: *"My three fights with Gil Turner were by far my hardest. He's a tough boy."*

According to Fullmer he was not hurt or stung by any of Robinson's punches. He also stated his apologies for not being more spectacular.

*"I would go back to my corner after each round and ask Marv about opening up a little more but I was told that I was doing all right and not to change a thing . . . not to take any more chances, so that's what I did,"* Gene revealed.

**FULLMER CAME INTO PRO RANKS AS AN AMATEUR STAR**

What brings a man from obscurity to become a boxing champ? In Fullmer's case his family played a big part in developing the fearless character that carried him through an amateur career that saw him win eighty-one of eighty-four fights. He won the Utah Golden Gloves four times, the Intermountain AAU title five times, and represented Utah in 1948 and 1949 in the Intersectional bouts.

Gene won titles in the Denver Golden Gloves three years running and lost out to Johnny Gonzales in the semi-finals of the 1948 Olympic tryouts.

In all, Fullmer lost only three amateur bouts, to Gonzales, Gil Turner and Johnny Saxton, although he had Saxton on the deck in the 1948 AAU semi-finals.

Gene comes from a fighting family. His father was reputed to have indulged in several back alley brawls around

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# TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

## JACK DEMPSEY, THIS IS YOUR LIFE?

Jack Dempsey, the old Manassa Mauler, who rates as the all-time popular figure in boxing, came in for a treatment on the "This Is Your Life" television program (NBC-TV, January 16) and while, as always, it is a big thrill to see and hear the dynamic Dempsey and the parade of former great fighters who bounded into your living room through the ropes at the Hollywood Legion Stadium ring, where the program was staged, still the program seemed to fall flat. The too flashing and fleeting seconds allotted to some of the greatest moments in sports history were lost in the shuffle of idle words, much of Dempsey's colorful life was completely ignored, and the man who "made" Dempsey did not rate a mention.

Not that a "complete" Dempsey could be done in a thirty-minute program or, for that matter, a 90-minute motion picture, is planned, but cohesion, continuity and even Dempsey-the-man were mangled and distorted, despite the attempts of an old vaudevillian (Dempsey made his stage debut with him at the Palace) who told how, at Christmas time, Jack played Santa Claus.

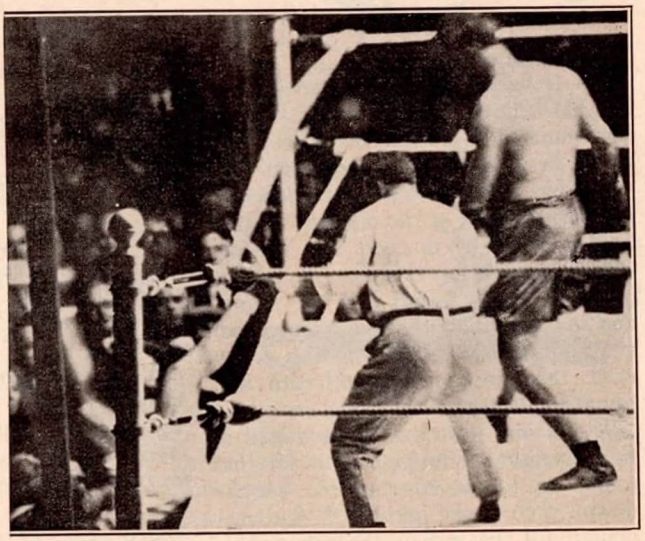
Tracing his early life, bringing out that he belonged to the Mormon Church and at fifteen was a deacon, M. C. Ralph Edwards then told of Dempsey's wanderings and reluctantly even got the word "hobo" out and then attempted to persuade Dempsey that he wasn't really a hobo. Dempsey wasn't pulling his punches. He sure as heck had been a hobo and let's not try to soft-soap the viewers, was his honest attitude.

There were one or two other times when Edwards, or whoever wrote the script, over-glamorized the achievements and deeds of Dempsey at the expense of facts. Manassa Jack was on the verge of protesting but realized that no good could come of it at the time.

However, despite all this, it was good to see Johnny Sudenberg, with whom Dempsey fought two vicious ten round draws in Tonopah and Goldfield in 1915. And elongated Fred Fulton, now bald and wearing glasses, who said his fight with Dempsey "might have come out differently if Jack had let me come off my stool." The fight was held at the Harrison, N. J., ball park and Tiger Jack came rushing out to end it all in 18⅔ seconds, ten of them going for the count.

Missing from view also was Jess Willard who was badly battered by Dempsey in 1919 at Maumee Bay, Dempsey stopping the Pottawatamie Giant after three rounds of fighting, to win the world heavyweight title. The substitute was Joe Benjamin, former Coast lightweight who became a pal of Dempsey's. Benjamin was present at the titantic Toledo tussle so he told the tale. Among the missing, also, was Gene Tunney who fought two of the most important ring battles in history with Jack.

But also there was Georges Carpentier, the Gorgeous George of another era, one-time world light heavyweight champion whose title bout with Dempsey was boomed into the first million dollar gate in 1921. Looking handsome and gay and quite the boulevardier, Georges with his easy, Parisian manner added a bright touch to the program.



**One of the most dramatic moments in sports history, Luis Firpo's knocking Jack Dempsey out through the ropes in title bout in 1923, was seen on the TV program "This Is Your Life" (NBC-TV), portraying Jack Dempsey's life.**

And of course there was Luis (Angel) Firpo, massive and impressive in his solidity, still every inch the Wild Bull of the Pampas, speaking against the fleeting screen glimpse of his battering of Dempsey out of the ring.

And all through this one wondered where Jack Kearns, the remarkable doctor who fashioned this amazing story of Dempsey, was.

And then Edwards was saying that "Sam Weisenthal, producer of Jack's upcoming movie, wants people to write and suggest a young man who could play Dempsey in the upcoming picture." All the young man has to do is send his picture to Jack Dempsey, Box 301, Hollywood 28, Calif. Requirements are that the would-be Dempsey is between 20 and 25 years of age, about six feet tall and weighs 185 to 190 pounds.

Then we knew where Jack Kearns was. He was out of it. Because terms could not be reached, the picture goes ahead without him, the life of Dempsey being cut to suit. No mention of Kearns will be made, it will be as if he never existed.

It's amazing what Hollywood can do. Jack Dempsey, this is your life?

## AL ALONE BY THE TELEPHONE?

It was bound to happen, but as yet hasn't. Al Fenn, of Clifton, Ariz., who manages Zora Folley, the heavyweight who came into the spotlight and ratings by twice trouncing Wayne Bethea, has devised an ingenious method of seconding his fighter in the ring while saving on travelling expenses.

Here was Fenn's plan in a nutshell. To go from his home in Arizona to the fight in Syracuse, the airline quoted him

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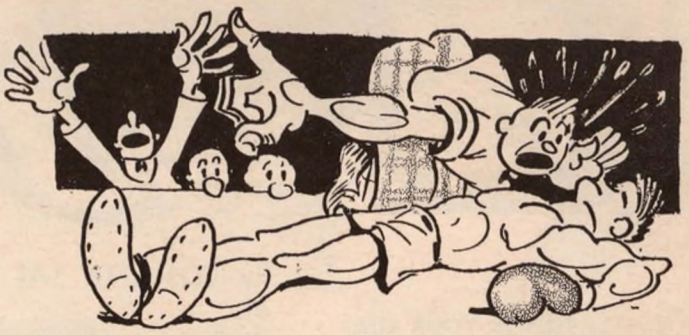
# QUERIES ANSWERED BY NAT FLEISCHER



**Alfred Christman, Chicago, Ill.**

Q—If fighter A scores a knockdown but has been outclassed in the rest of the round, does he necessarily win the round because of that knockdown?

A—*No, not necessarily. It depends on the judgment of the officials. If the fighter who was downed has a wide margin except for that one punch, I would definitely award him the round and not give it to the one who scored the knockdown. If the fight is fairly even, the knockdown would earn the round for the one who scored it.*

*If the one who was downed had a small margin on his opponent for the round up to the time of the knockdown, then kept pace with his opponent for the rest of the round, the round could well be called an even round. Unfortunately, too many judges and referees have a notion that any knockdown nullifies all the opponent has gained in the rest of the round. That is poor officiating.*

**Nathaniel Cooper, Toledo, Ohio.**

Q. Ray Robinson and Mr. X were to sign for a ten round overweight middleweight bout and on the night of the fight Mr. X scaled 156 and Ray, 158 and they consented to fight and Ray lost the verdict, would he still be recognized as the champion?

A—*I doubt it. It is up to a champion to protect his interests in an overweight match by making certain that the bout is such and that his opponent doesn't scale the class weight limit.*

*Ray would have a tough time convincing the public that he still was champion if he fought under the conditions named by you and was either halted or lost the verdict regardless of that fact that most states stipulate that a title bout must be scheduled at 15 rounds. Many have been scheduled for 12 and recognized as championship matches.*

**Rocky Lee Eberts, Kansas City, Mo.**

Q—If a fighter after weighing in, becomes ill and feels he cannot go on, can his manager force him to go through with the bout?

A—*Definitely no. The manager has no say in the matter. If the fighter is ill, the commission would prevent him from boxing or if he made the request to retire, an examination would follow and the verdict of the examining physician would determine the matter.*

**A. Ruiz, Hayward, California.**

Q.—Did Louis and Abe Simon fight more than once? Was one of the fights, if two were held, a 20 round scheduled match?

A—*They fought twice. The first, on March 21, 1941, resulted in Simon being knocked out in the thirteenth round. That was scheduled in Detroit for twenty rounds. Their second match was in Madison Square Garden on March 27, 1942, and Simon was knocked out in the sixth round of a scheduled fifteen round contest.*

**Everett B. Hyde, Langley Field, Va.**

Q—When and where did Jack Johnson die? What was the cause?

A—*Johnson was killed at Raleigh, N. C., June 10, 1946, when his car went off the road after he had lost control. He was on his way from Texas to New York, after appearing for several weeks with a circus.*

**George Staunitsky, New Britain, Conn.**

Q—My friends and I have had a dispute regarding the second and third fight between Castellani and Ernie Durando. Wasn't the second fight the one in which Durando scored a kayo and the manager of Castellani, after a protest, was suspended and later had his license revoked?

A—*They fought three times. On January 27, 1950, Castellani won a ten rounder. On Jan. 11, 1952, in their second contest, Durando knocked Castellani out and his manager, Ryan, protested vigorously and punched Al Weill, manager of Durando. For this Ryan has his license revoked after a hearing. In their third bout on February 19, 1954, Castellani won in ten rounds.*

**Harvey Bezet, Plaquemine, Louisiana.**

Q—In the book on the life of Rocky Marciano which I bought from the "Ring Book Shop," the writer, Harold Mayes, has a weight, 13 stone, 5 pounds. What is meant by this? How much is a stone in Great Britain? Also, who were the four champions preceding Joe Walcott?

A—*A stone is 14 pounds. Therefore the weight would be 187 pounds. The champions in order were Max Baer, James J. Braddock, Joe Louis and Ezzard Charles.*

**Martin Halstead, Lexington, Ky.**

Q—Were Clarence and Harry Forbes brothers? What kind of a record did Harry have?

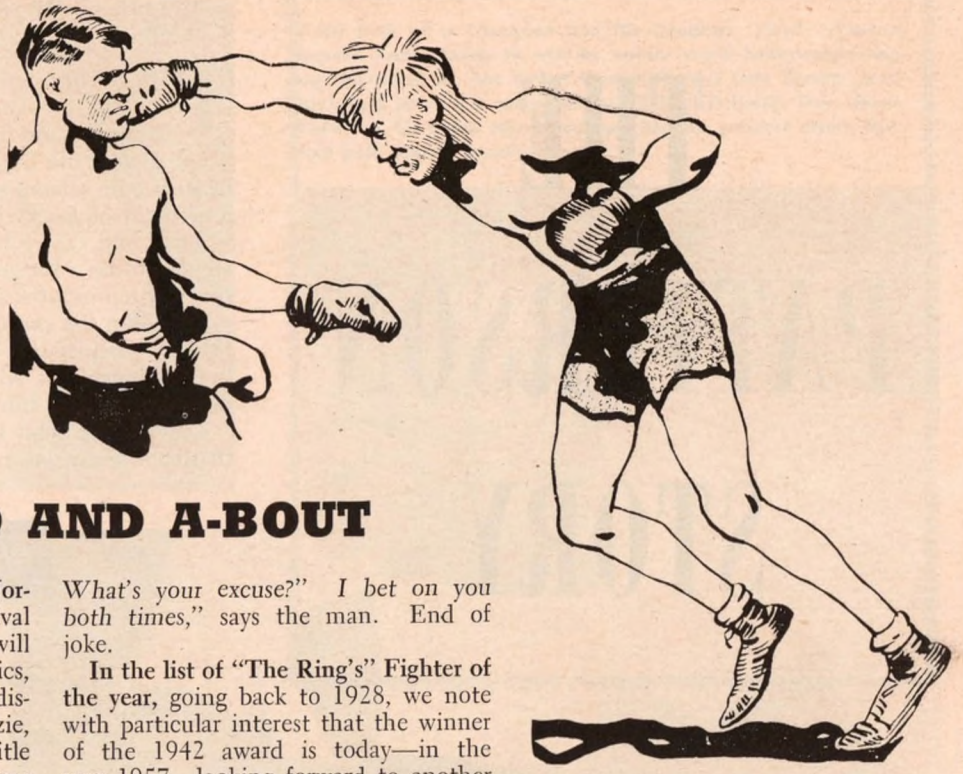
A—*Yes. Harry's complete record is in the 1942 Ring Record Book. He had an excellent record, winning most of his contests as a bantamweight, though many of his fights were "no decision" affairs in which the newspapers decided the winner. He was knocked out by Terry McGovern, Frankie Neil, Abe Attell, Johnny Coulon and Oscar Gardner, all top men in both bantam and feather classes.*

**Charles S. Provoit, Louisiana.**

Q—How did James J. Parker win the British Empire title in the heavyweight division? If he is not, who is?

A—*Parker is not the champion. Joe Bygraves who won in 15 rounds from Kitione Lave is the title holder. Don Cockell retired and the throne was vacant. Parker fought a 12 round draw with Gordon Wallace, Canadian light heavyweight champion, and he also beat Johnny Arthur and Ewart Potgieter of South Africa, but those victories do not entitle him to the British Empire crown.*

By **BOB ALLEN**



# A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

**THE Fullmer family of West Jordon, Utah,** is beginning to rival the Zivics of Pittsburgh. You will recall there were five fighting Zivics, the best of them (although this is disputed in some quarters) being Fritzie, who won the world welterweight title in a smashing upset of Henry Armstrong and lost it in an equally stunning upset to Freddie (Red) Cochrane. Well, there are already three fighting Fullmers, Gene, Jay, and Don. The exploits of Gene are recounted in other pages of this very issue of The Ring. Jay is a lightweight who recently abandoned the simon-pures to try his luck as a professional. Don is a 170-pounder (he's the youngest but biggest of the Fullmers) who has had some fifty fights as an amateur and looks like a real comer. The Fullmers boast a married sister—Colleen and Papa Fulmer who is not in boxing but he looks young enough to give it a whirl.

**Marvin Jenson, manager of Fullmer,** incidentally, is quite somebody in West Jordon. Known most prominently as a fight manager and a breeder of minks, Jenson also happens to be Mayor of the Utah city where he and the Fullmers reside. He is a member of the school board and chairman of the West Jordon Building Committee. He has three sons of his own, the youngest of whom, a ten-year-old lad, is a more skillful boxer today, says Jenson, than nine-tenths of the boxers now earning their livelihoods in the ring. The lad will be allowed to make up his own mind about a ring career but if he decides to become a pro when he is older he will be champion at any weight he happens to be—says Pop.

**Most overworked gag in boxing:** Man met Buddy Baer, expresses astonishment at the fact Buddy's hair is completely gray. "Well," says Buddy, "your hair would be gray too if you were knocked out twice by Joe Louis. But I notice your hair is also gray. What's your excuse?" I bet on you both times," says the man. End of joke.

**In the list of "The Ring's" Fighter of the year,** going back to 1928, we note with particular interest that the winner of the 1942 award is today—in the year 1957—looking forward to another try at gaining the world middleweight title, which he has already held three times. That's right: it was way back in 1942 that fabulous Sugar Ray Robinson was hailed as Fighter of the Year, an honor which was repeated in '51. Few have been the boxers in ring history who have been able to maintain so lofty a rating over so long a period of time.

**And incidentally, if you missed** getting The Ring for February, lose no time locating a copy because here is the most informative and interesting report, analysis, and survey of current boxing ever compiled in the pages of a magazine.

**As we go to press we do not know** what shows have been arranged for Madison Square Garden during the month of March but we bet Matchmaker Billy Brown wishes there were a Beau Jack around today. During March of 1944 Beau Jack filled three Garden dates—a record never equaled. A total of 56,622 spectators paid $332,579 to see Jack against Bob Montgomery, Al Davis, and Juan Zurita. Beau Jack appeared on television only at the very end of his career but if he were around today he would probably be a bigger attraction than Gleason, Como, and Presley combined.

**The headline reads: "Former Boxer Arrested in Fatal Beating."** Turned out that the "former boxer" was a lad who had, as a youngster, engaged in a couple of amateur contests. For headline purposes, of course, this made him a "former boxer." There is about as much justification for this as there would be for describing the prisoner as a "former baseball player" because he played sandlot baseball as a kid; or for describing him as a "former musician" because he played the drums in his high school orchestra. In the case of the "former boxer" mentioned in the blaring newspaper headline, not a man on the boxing beat could recall ever having heard his name.

**One of the boxing scribes visiting New York** to cover the second Gaspar-Ortega-Tony DeMarco fight at the Garden wrote a blistering piece condemning the decision, which went to Ortego on a majority vote of the three officials. The visiting scribe called the decision an outrage, said DeMarco had been robbed, and chided the DeMarco management for bringing the former welter champ to New York where, said the reporter, DeMarco figured to get the worst of things from the officials. Well now how do you suppose the indignant boxing writer had himself scored Ortega-DeMarco? He admitted he used the NBA 10-point system. Do you think he had it 99 to 85, or even 98 to 92, which would have indicated the measure of DeMarco's triumph in the writer's opinion? Heck, no. His own score was 96 to 95, closer than which you couldn't get with a slide-rule.

**That was a cute story out of Mexico City** which said that Raul (Raton) Macias had been reprimanded by the Mexican Boxing Commission "for boxing too often." Seems the boxing code in Mexico City limits a boxer to no more than one fight in two weeks. The NBA featherweight champ violated the code by engaging in two bouts within two weeks. We wonder what oldtimers

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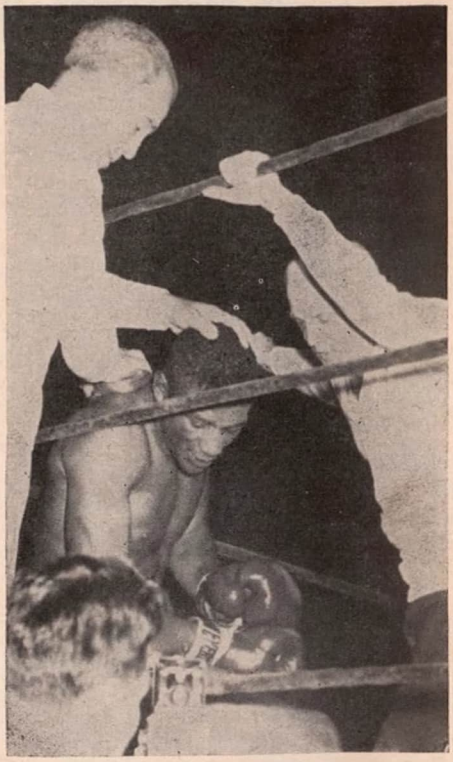
# THE PATTERSON STORY

By JOHNNY SALAK

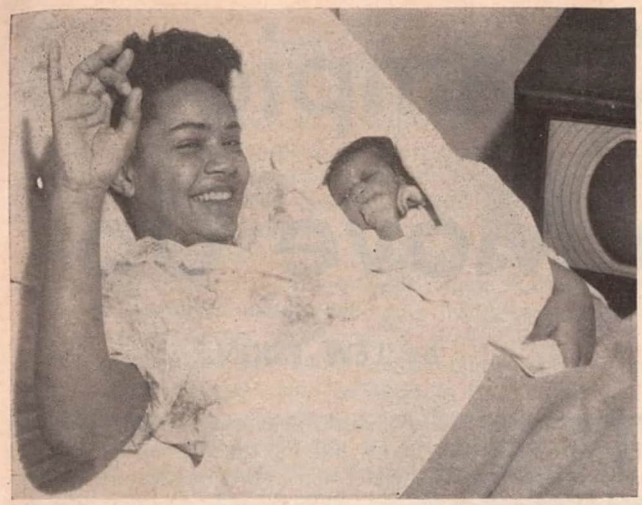
THEY sent a boy to do a man's job and, lo and behold, he did a man-sized job, rapping Ancient Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, into oblivion in a battle for the most important crown of all, the heavyweight championship, left vacant with the voluntary retirement of Rocky Marciano.

That one day Floyd Patterson would don the purple seemed to be a foregone conclusion. That he accomplished this feat ten months after he passed his twenty-first birthday, making him the youngest ever to win the world heavyweight title, is remarkable. The incomparable Joe Louis had seen twenty-three years when he ascended the throne over the prostrate form of Jim Braddock.

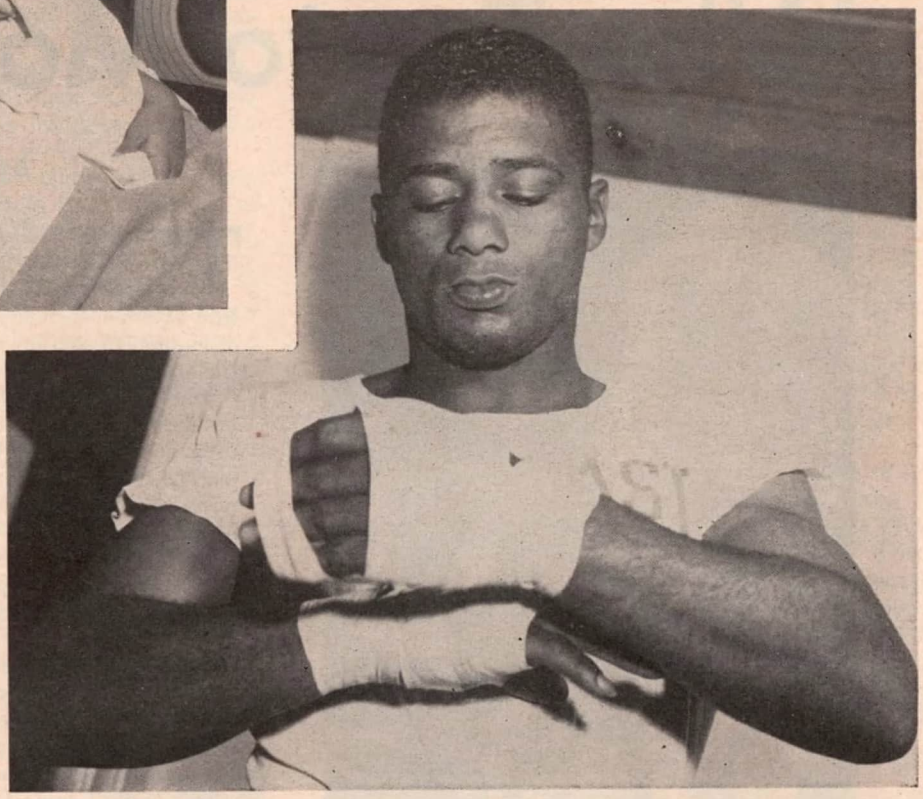
Legends are built on facts and the young man who has shattered precedent in the easy manner in which he destroys



**(Left) On Guard! On goes the headguard as Floyd Patterson prepares for a gym workout. Patterson had much to learn in these mock battles and he learned his lessons well. (Above) Manager Cus D'Amato (right) has given Floyd much sound advice in and out of the ring. With them is second Nick Florio.**



**(Left) Birth of a Champion and His Daughter. Floyd Patterson kayoed Archie Moore to win the vacant world heavyweight title on November 30, just a few hours after his wife Sandra gave birth to 6 pounds, 2 ounce Seneca. (Below) A Handy Guy. Floyd Patterson, his hands taped, looks on his two greatest assets, fists that both contain knockout power.**



his opponents is building a solid foundation of truths for later day writers to embellish and built to legendary proportions.

Patterson, you see, is the only man ever to win an Olympic boxing championship—he won the middleweight title in 1952—and then gain the world professional heavyweight crown. In fact, he is the one Olympic hero who went on to fight for that crown in the money-ranks.

The Patterson truths continue. He is the only man ever to win the title he holds by defeating a champion of another division.

For those who will make more of it later, Floyd's teen-age wife, Sandra, and daughter, Seneca, co-operated nicely, in a family way, the heir arriving the same day, November 30, that Patterson was winning the title.

The Patterson praise, tinged with the unusual, extends even to the one losing fight he has had as a professional, in his fourteenth bout, facing former world light heavyweight champion Joey Maxim. The date was June 7, 1954, the place, the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn, N. Y.

In that one Floyd almost singlehanded brought back the "newspaper decision" of some thirty years ago. It was a good fight and an interesting one, limited to eight rounds because of Patterson's age. Everyone enjoyed the bout, until the verdict of the three officials was read, giving Pal Joey a unanimous decision. Referee Ruby Goldstein scored it 4-3-1 and judges Joe Eppy and Arthur Susskind, 5-3 and 7-1 (ouch!), respectively, all for Maxim.

At that point a quick tabulation of the ringside working press established a unique first in newspaper history, all eleven present agreeing that Patterson had won the decision. This is believed to be the first time that a gathering of more than one newspaperman agreed on anything. Eleven seeing it the same way? It must be recorded as gospel!

These are but a few of the incidents which make up the Patterson story, which started in the slums of Brooklyn and may have ended there but for the grace of God. It's the story of a tough kid who at eleven years of age was breaking into neighborhood stores, deserting his home and was a truant who refused to study and could not read. Who was converted to Catholicism by Father Archibald McLeese of the Holy Rosary Church in Brooklyn and now is devout in his religious duties.

This is the story of the boy who matriculated from the same school as Rocky Graziano, Wiltwyck, at Esopus, N. Y., which handles difficult children, to put it mildly.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson, parents of Floyd, and his young brother Alvin look at photos of the new champ, in their Mt. Vernon, N. Y. home, purchased for them by Floyd.**

This is the story of his upward climb and comeback—before the age of reasoning even. Of his enrollment in P. S. 614, an east side grammar school for backward boys. Of his earnest efforts to study, of his becoming a star pupil and an ace athlete. Of his attendance at Alex-

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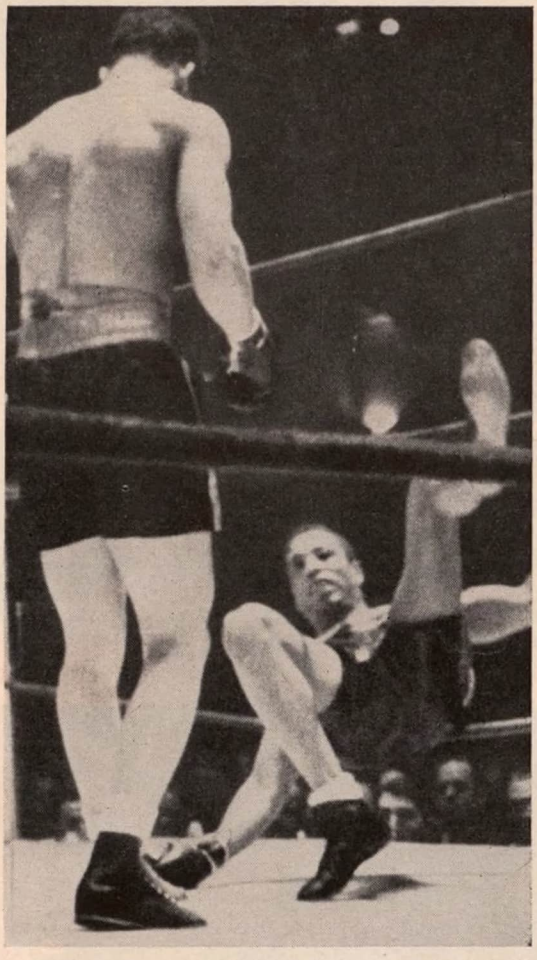
# Fate Dogs Champions Who Try to Move Up

by LEW ESKIN



John Henry Lewis resigned his light heavyweight honors in 1939 to take a crack at Joe Louis' heavyweight crown. He was blasted to defeat in less than a round.

THE recent failure of world light heavyweight champion Archie Moore in his bid for the heavyweight crown brings to mind the fact that in the long history of pugilism twenty-five champions, while reigning over one division, attempted to step up in class and capture another crown for themselves. Only five were successful in their quest.

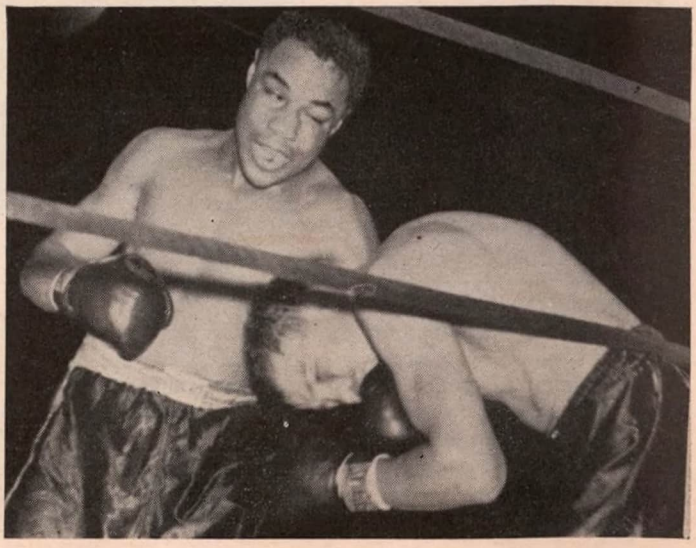
The heavyweight championship of the world, of course, has been the big prize that has lured seven titleholders to their doom. Moore's kayo at the hands of Floyd Patterson marked the second time Archie had fallen in his long-sought prize. The previous year it was Rocky Marciano who blasted Moore out.

With Rocky's retirement, it appeared that Archie would be the first light-heavyweight king to step up to the heavyweight title, but his advanced age, and the lightning fists of Patterson took care of that.

So, just as Jack Root, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Georges Carpentier, John Henry Lewis and Joey Maxim before him had failed, did Archie also succumb. Besides these, there were a number of others who, after having lost or given up the 175-pound title, made futile bids for the heavyweight crown. Billy Conn, Tommy Loughran and Gus Lesnevich all were turned back in their quests. Bob Fitzsimmons and Gene Tunney did win the heavyweight title, but Gene was never more than American titleholder. Ruby Robert first gained the heavyweight title, then after having lost that crown, became boss of the cruiserweights.

Middleweight Stanley Ketchel also challenged for the heavyweight throne, but Jack Johnson halted him in 12 rounds. Of all the light heavyweight champions, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who, like Moore, had two shots at the crown, made the best showing. The crafty Irishman boxed a twenty round draw with and then lost a twenty round verdict to Tommy Burns, in 1906 and 1907. Since then only Maxim, who lost a one-sided decision to Ezzard Charles

(Left) Philadelphia Jack O'Brien won the light heavy title in 1906 and then twice challenged Tommy Burns for the heavier title. He drew with and lost to Burns. (Right) Henry Armstrong (left) possessed three titles simultaneously. He won the feather crown, jumped a class to defeat Barney Ross for welter honors and then beat Lou Ambers (above) for the lightweight title.



in 1951, and Loughran, who after relinquishing his 175-pound title was outmauled by Primo Carnera, have been able to last the limit with the heavyweight champions.

In both the welterweight and middleweight divisions, five champions have attempted to move up. Mickey Walker, when welterweight champion, failed to gain the middleweight crown in a bitter duel with Harry Greb in the summer of 1925. After losing his 147-pound title, Mickey did gain the middleweight throne by beating Tiger Flowers. He then tried for the light-heavyweight crown and was turned back by Tommy Loughran, who gave him a ten-round boxing lesson in Chicago on March 28, 1929.

Sugar Ray Robinson, while welterweight king, on February 14, 1951 stopped Jake LaMotta in thirteen rounds at Chicago Stadium to become ruler of the middleweight class. A little more than a year later, in Yankee Stadium, on June 25, 1952, Ray succumbed to Maxim in fourteen rounds in a bid for the latter's 175-pound mantle. Carl (Bobo) Olson also attempted to gain the 175-pound crown but was turned back in only three rounds by Moore last summer.

Besides Robinson and Walker, Kid Gavilan and Henry Armstrong, while welterweight titleholders, made passes at the middleweight crown, the "Cuban Hawk" being turned back by Olson in April of 1954 and Armstrong fighting to a ten-round draw with Ceferino Garcia at Los Angeles on March 1, 1940. Garcia was never more than a title claimant and was not universally recognized as champion.

Armstrong was one of boxing's all-time greats, the only man to hold three world championships at one time. After capturing the featherweight crown from Pete Sarron, Henry did what Ketchel before him had tried. He jumped a class. Armstrong won the welterweight title by handing Barney Ross a brutal beating in the the graveyard of champions, the old Garden Bowl in Long Island City, on May 31, 1938. Less than three months later he went back and picked up the lightweight title by beating Lou Ambers.

Three lightweight champions attempted to add the 147-pound crown to their laurels, and only one succeeded. He was Barney Ross, who outpointed Jimmy McLarnin on May 28, 1934. Benny Leonard and Joe Gans failed. Ross' victory over McLarnin in the first of their three fights which saw the welterweight title change hands each time, was the first successful conquest by a challenging champion since 1900.

Leonard's loss on a foul to Jack Britton in the thirteenth round on June 26, 1922 was taken apart by The Ring's fistic detective in a recent issue. On September 30, 1904, in San Francisco, Gans battled to a 20-round draw with Joe Walcott in a contest for Walcott's 147-pound belt. This was a thrilling duel between two members of Boxing's Hall of Fame.

Only one potentate of the featherweight class made a bid for the lightweight title. He was Johnny Kilbane, who back on July 25, 1917 was halted in three rounds by Leonard, in Philadelphia.

Both of the bantamweight kings who attempted to win the featherweight title were successful. George Dixon became the first when he kayoed British champion Abe Willis in five rounds at San Francisco, on July 28, 1891. Dixon passed the featherweight crown on to another bantamweight champion nine years later when Terry McGovern stopped him in the eighth round in New York on January 9, 1900.

Johnny Buff became bantamweight champion of the world when he defeated Pete Herman on September 23, 1921 while he was the American flyweight champion. Kid Chocolate, who won the junior lightweight title, became featherweight champion by beating Lew Feldman.

The best way to gain a championship when you move up in weight class appears to be to fail in a bid for a title in your own division first.

Tony Canzoneri, Jimmy McLarnin, James J. Braddock and Georges Carpentier were all turned back in their first title bids.

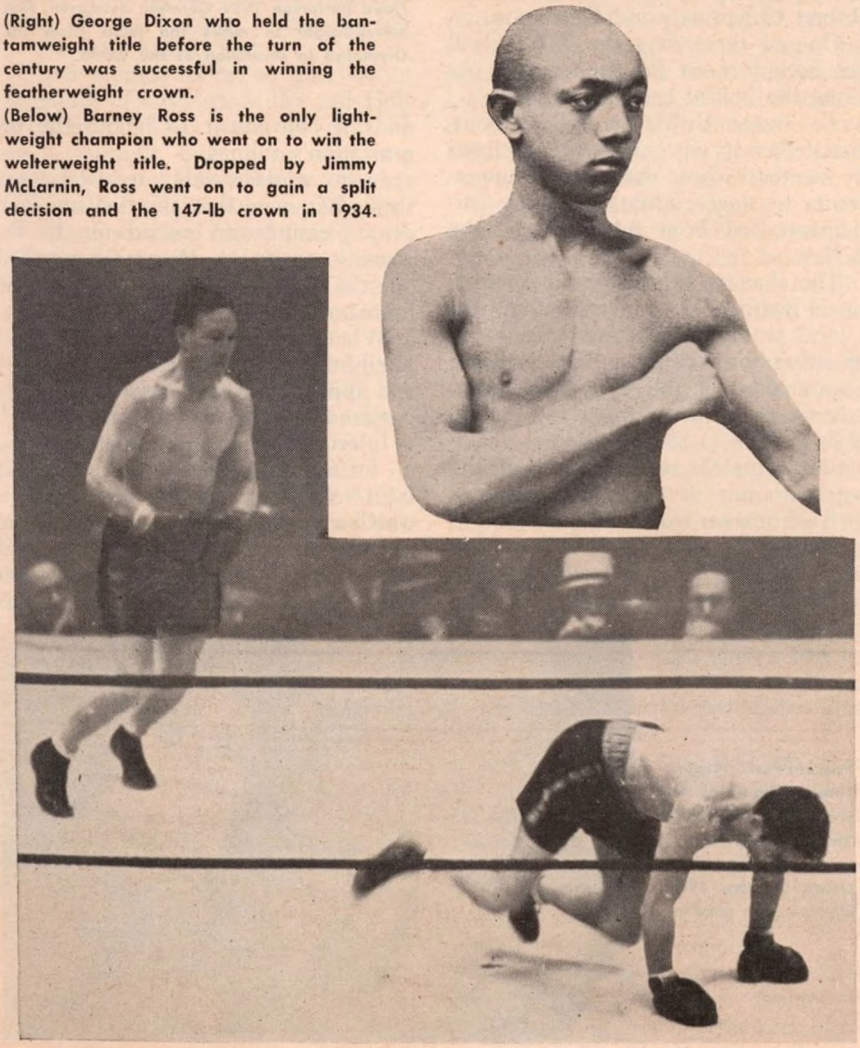
In 1927 Tony fought Bud Taylor twice in Chicago for Taylor's bantamweight crown, their first meeting on March 26, 1927 ended in a ten round draw, their second on June 24, 1927 saw Taylor gain a ten round verdict. Less than a year later Tony won the featherweight crown from Benny Bass in Philadelphia.

McLarnin failed in an attempt to win the lightweight title from Sammy Mandell in New York on May 21, 1928 losing a 15 round decision, five years later he kayoed Young Corbett to become welterweight ruler.

Braddock, was given a boxing lesson by Tommy Loughran in a bid for the 175 pound crown on July 18, 1929 in New York, yet six years later Jimmy won the heavyweight title by beating Max Baer in a tremendous upset.

Carpentier the French Idol, made his first bid for a world crown on June 24, 1912 when he lost on a foul in 19 rounds against Frank Klaus at Dieppe, France, for the middleweight title.

**(Right) George Dixon who held the bantamweight title before the turn of the century was successful in winning the featherweight crown.**
**(Below) Barney Ross is the only lightweight champion who went on to win the welterweight title. Dropped by Jimmy McLarnin, Ross went on to gain a split decision and the 147-lb crown in 1934.**



# Nat FLEISCHER says:

## Saddler's Featherweight Title Vacated by Commissioners Pressure; Rademacher U S Olympic Hero

THE action of the National Boxing Association in vacating the featherweight title held by Sandy Saddler, has brought severe criticism to that organization. Without due regard for the physical condition of the champion, who was severely injured in an automobile accident, the N.B.A., which is a body without administrative power, declared the title vacated because Sandy had not defended his crown since he stopped Flash Elorde in California on January 18, 1956. This is the second time the N.B.A. has hit Saddler that way.

The first N.B.A. dart was thrown on December 14, 1954, because Sandy had failed to risk his title after six months following his release from the Service. New York and the European organizations refused to go along with the N.B.A. When Bob Christenberry, head of the New York Commission, sanctioned a Saddler-Teddy Davis go as a championship match, the N.B.A. reaccepted Saddler as the title holder following his victory over Davis.

No matter what action the N.B.A. or New York or any other body takes in depriving a title holder of his crown, the fight fans will continue to accept the champion until he is beaten in the ring, or vacates the throne himself. Despite Sandy's poor record of title defenses he still is the universally recognized champion regardless of N.B.A. action, which if tested legally, would be overthrown by the courts. The organization lacks jurisdiction.

The N.B.A.'s ruling is similar to the ridiculous stand it has taken on the bantamweight title. It has refused to accept Mario D'Agata, of Italy, as the world champion. He rightfully owns the title by virtue of his knockout of Robert Cohen who, when he faced the Italian, was the recognized world champion despite the contention of the N.B.A. in holding out for its favorite, Raul (Raton) Macias of Mexico, who has no claim to the laurels.

If and when D'Agata meets Macias, he will receive the bigger share of the purse and the official recognition of the public as champion and not as challenger.

### N.B.A. STAND ON MACIAS EVIDENCE OF ITS INSTABILITY

Even the California Athletic Commission, in whose state the Macias-Songkitrat fight was billed by the N.B.A. as a championship match, refused to accept it as a title bout. The contract, signed by me on the behalf of the Thailand government, had no reference to the bout as a title affair since the Thailand government, like the European Boxing Union, the British Boxing Board of Control and the Italian Federation of Boxing, the New York Commission and 'The Ring' Editor, who is an advisor to the World Championship Committee, recognized Robert Cohen as world Champion.

One of these days the N.B.A. will get both feet on the ground and act along the line of common sense.

Too frequently has the N.B.A. about-faced when its edicts have been ignored by members whose states had an opportunity to stage contests in which participants had been ruled out by the N.B.A.

The chances are that if the International Boxing Club, in cooperation with a local promotor, requested permission of either the Michigan State Athletic Commission, or the Wisconsin Commission, or for that matter, any leading N.B.A. State to stage a Saddler championship match any time within the year with any of the top contenders, such permission would be granted.

That's the way the N.B.A. has worked in the past, and will continue to work so long as a fellow member finds it convenient to ignore the organization's rulings.

**Floyd Patterson 1952 Olympic champion, first heavyweight to make the jump from the Olympiad to champion of the world.**

In my world travels I received many thrills but none that afforded me such deep pleasure and caused me to become so excited as the one I received on the final night of the Olympic tournament in the Melbourne Stadium

What brought me so much joy? Well here is the setting and my readers will appreciate why I consider this my outstanding thrill for the past year:

International boxing had been going on for five days. The final rounds had been reached in the ten divisions on which a total of 168 boxers representing the record entry of 69 countries had taken part. Five days of competition found the Russians leading all nations

**Pascual Perez, Argentinean who holds the world flyweight championship. Perez won the flyweight crown in the 1948 Olympics in London.**

with five of their entrants ready to fight it out for the gold medals.

Our country, which at the start of the tournament looked like a sure winner of team honors, had only three remaining in the finals, two of its best boxers, Harry Smith and Choken Maekawa having been disqualified because they were overweight on the opening day and all others having fallen by the wayside as the competition advanced. The rivalry between the Russians, the strongest of the Communists, and the Americans was keen. To win top honors in the events in which power and strength figured highest—boxing, wrestling and weight lifting—was the chief aim of the Communist group because victory in those events would prove to their people the accuracy of their teachings.

The Americans, with only Jose Torres, James Boyd and Lieut. Peter Rademacher in the finals, were a chagrined lot, particularly so after Russia had won three gold medals and Torres, facing Lazslo Papp in the light middleweight division, had fallen before the Hungarian who set a record when he won his third successive title in three Olympiads. A conference was held in the American quarters. Boyd and Rademacher were apprised of the situation. It was now up to them to save the day for the Stars and Stripes.

There seemed to be no question in the minds of Coaches Miller and Holt about Boyd. They were confident he would triumph, but no so sure were they of Rademacher's chances. He was to face the "tough" Russian, Vladimir Moukhine who had scored three knockouts against tough opposition, though he was accused by the Italians of having fouled out their ace in the semi-final round.

The Russians had been bragging about what Moukhine would do to the American lieutenant. They were figuring on another easy victory to add to the three they already had scored.

Turning to Rademacher, Col. Miller remarked: *"You know Peter, that Russian, I'm informed by Nat, is boasting what he intends to do to you. I have faith in you and Boyd. Go out there and give him an example of American spirit."*

Rademacher, continuing his warm-up, replied: *"Don't worry about me, Coach. He's scored three knockouts and so did I. Chalk up the fourth one for me now. I won't wait for a decision."*

Boyd was called into the ring and tossing punches from all angles, he put the Stars and Stripes up for the first time when he gained the decision in a slugging bee from Gheorgia Negrea of Rumania.

Then came the final bout of the meet.—Rademacher vs. Moukhine.

**Nate Brooks won the Olympic flyweight crown in 1952 and went on to win the North American Bantamweight title as a pro. He has temporarily retired to study at Ohio State University.**

The arena was jammed. Standing room had been sold at a premium.

Every member of the Russian group not in action in other competition that night, crowded the aisles and the press box. They had come to see their ace smother the American lieutenant and they gave vent to their enthusiasm in no uncertain manner.

Entering the ring, Peter, gloves encasing his firm fists, stood in his corner awaiting the gong. At its clang, he rushed out, swung a blow that struck high on the forehead, followed with a dandy right to the chin and down went Moukhine, sprawled on his back. A roar of dismay came from the crowd.

He took a count of eight, got to his feet, sparred and at him came the American again. A hard left landed on the Russian's chest and quick as a flash, came a right to the jaw that again dropped Moukhine.

At eight he got up, glassy-eyed, wobbly, holding on to the upper strand for safety. Ordered away from the ropes as the referee shooed Peter toward a neutral corner, Moukhine was about to topple again when the referee stepped in, halted the bout and held up the hand of Lieut. Peter Rademacher, the winner.

The Russians, following the first knockdown, disillusioned, chagrined, began a hasty exit. They didn't feel inclined to await the inevitable result and give moral support to their fallen idol! They deserted him!

The wild cheers that rent the air at the sudden turn of the tide, gave ample evidence of the popularity of the American victory. It took only 1.27 of the opening round for Peter to dispose of the Russian threat. His triumph brought the greatest applause heard during the week's tournament.

It was the climax of a week's international boxing in which though we could find no Floyd Pattersons, there were plenty of thrills because of the well-balanced teams.

But the thrill of thrills for me and the capacity gathering on closing night, was Lieut. Peter Rademacher's knockout of Vladimir Moukhine.

Though quality, more so than quantity is stressed in the Olympic Games, it is only from countries in which boxing has been a major sport for many years that top talent is seen. But what one does observe are the various styles employed, the types of coaching and the mode of procedure of the referees who hail from many parts of the world.

Though the last named supposedly are well drilled in the rules and regulations under which Olympic boxing is staged, it is amazing to note the weird interpretations placed upon them, especially by those from behind the Iron Curtain. Their repeated warnings to lads from countries outside the Communist group, brought much delayed action and in a number of contests, deprived the rightful winner of the verdict.

There are many excellent officials throughout Europe who seldom get Olympic assignments because an official must pay his own way and most cannot afford the expense involved in a long journey plus upkeep. But the Communist nations always are well represented since the government sees to it that they are taken on the trip with the athletic contingent. Hence their officials get many top assignments.

Who in my opinion would make the grade if they turned professional? My first choice is Lazslo Papp, the three time Olympic winner in the light middleweight and middleweight class, with Fred Tiedt, the fiery, clever Irishman who was deprived of a well earned victory by Joe Neunding of Poland, the referee who was responsible for several controversial decisions both in Mel-

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Gaspar (Indian) Ortega, decked out in sombrero, flashes a big smile after defeating Tough Tony DeMarco (insert) for the second time at Madison Square Garden, to boost his ranking in the middleweight division.

# GASPAR ORTEGA

**By FRED EISENSTADT**

WHEN, last November, Gaspar Ortega scored a sensational ten-round upset victory over the dynamic former welterweight king Tony DeMarco in Madison Square Garden, many logical excuses were offered for Tough Tony's defeat, the most reasonable one being that the latter had taken Ortega too cheaply and had neglected to get in proper condition for him. This called for a re-match and that was promptly arranged.

Thus, a month later—on December 21, to be exact—the pair opposed each other in the Garden in a return battle, with the ex-champ again installed a heavy favorite. The Mexican repeated over his wicked-punching foe, almost stopping him in the very first round. Opening the bout with a barrage of assorted lefts and rights to the head and body, Gaspar dazed and staggered DeMarco. He then knocked Tony through the ropes onto the ring apron. Tony narrowly escaped being counted out. He climbed back into the squared circle in time to beat the count, though still woozy. The bell came to the former title holder's rescue.

(Right) Gaspar's Parents. Father Aniceto Benitez is a retired army sergeant. Mother, Sebastiana, is pure Indian. Gaspar adopted his mother's maiden name for ring use.

As the exciting battle progressed, Tony gradually regained his strength and proceeded to wage his usual aggressive fight, tossing bombshell wallops. It was amazing that, though at times obviously hurt, Gaspar took his thumping recovered quickly and surged back—fighting with renewed strength and fury.

And so, this tilt—like their first—ended in a split ten-round duke in favor of Gaspar Ortega.

When the tall Mexican made his first showing in New York—on August 25, 1954—whipping Iggy Maldonado in the Garden, he displayed a style that caught the fancy of fight fans and fistic experts alike and a bright ring future was predicted for the youth from across the border because of his fast and flashy fists, his lithe and graceful movements and his dazzling speed.

The Mexican redskin is possessed of remarkable co-ordination and quick reflexes. When cornered, or in danger, he has an uncanny way of leaping out of harm's path—something like a startled jungle beast. He has an instinctive sense of avoiding killing wallops. He slips punches, jerks his head back and lets them whiz by, or moves his noggin from side to side, rolling with the punches. In this exciting and colorful fashion, enhanced by delivering an assortment of clean shots, Gaspar Ortega has quickly ascended from the lowly ranks of preliminary scrappers and has become a highly rated welterweight.

"I got my speedy legs," revealed Ortega in Spanish (he speaks no English at all), "my agile footwork, fighting bulls. Little bulls. Because at 14, when I took up bull-fighting, I was little myself. I was only an apprentice but my brother Jesus—who boxed under the name Torito Ortega for over four years—persuaded me to abandon the bull ring and enter the prize ring. I did so, and Torito proceeded to teach me the rudiments of boxing."

Indio, as Gaspar is generally called, entered the Mexican Golden Gloves at the age of fifteen and won all of his six flyweight contests. A year later he turned pro, losing one of 19 encounters. "Then gave up boxing, though I liked the sport," declared El Indio, "and I took a job in a shoe factory."

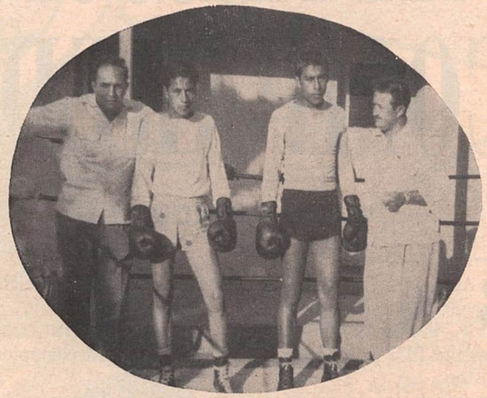
Api Rodriguez, in whose home the interview was taking place, got out of his chair and faced the fighter. "Tell exactly why you became disgusted with boxing," he prompted. "Go on, speak up. Don't be bashful."

"Bueno." The Mexican Indian shrugged and grinned shyly. "It was because I was receiving about forty pesos (three dollars) per fight."

Gaspar was born in Mexicali, on October 21, 1935. His father, Aniceto Benitez—of Spanish and Indian blood—is a retired army sergeant. Gaspar's mother, Sebastiana Ortega, is pure Indian. Aside from Spanish they speak Sapoteco—a dialect used by Indians in the interior of Mexico. The boxer adopted his mother's last name for ring use. The entire family moved to Tia Juana nineteen years ago.

Asked how many brothers and sisters he has, El Indio began naming them—counting off on his fingers: "Aurelio, Jesus, Jenaro, Aulalia, yo (myself), Feliciano, Castula, Fausto, Rodolfo." There was another sister but she died. Incidently," he said, "Jesus, or Torito, is now a construction worker. Aurelio is a police sergeant. In Mexico it is a very honorable position."

(Above) Gaspar (right) poses with (left to right) brother Sapo Ortega, a pro lightweight; Hardy Smallwood, opponent in Mexican fight where this photo was taken; and Api Rodriquez, his trainer. (Below) Men at Work. Gaspar (third from left) gets set for workout. With him, l. to r., are Nick Corby, manager, brother Sapo, and a friend.



Gaspar Ortega as a boy, with his brothers and sisters. He is standing third from right. Sapo is to his right.

Api Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican who speaks excellent English, volunteered the following:

"Ortega has scant schooling. He reached only the fifth grade, leaving school in order to earn money to supplement the small income of the large family. He shined shoes, sold newspapers and ran errands. He is a fine, honorable lad—clean, modest and respectable. Humble and obedient, El

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# LOUIS and PATTERSON COMPARED

**By TED CARROLL**

BACK in 1937 Joe Louis won the world's heavyweight championship.

Twenty years later, 21 year old Floyd Patterson begins the 1957 year as the youngest heavyweight champion in history.

To match Joe Louis' long reign, Floyd will have to be champion until 1967, and while this seems unlikely, it is not impossible

Fight enthusiasts everywhere are starting to make the inevitable comparison between the young Joe Louis and the even younger Floyd Patterson. There are some interesting similarities and differences between the old Brown Bomber and the new Jet Bomber.

Louis became famous for his speed and punching, Patterson has, if anything, an even faster pair of hands than Louis.

Louis was a change of pace fighter. Unlike Patterson who dances about, preferring to move from side to side, the old Bomber, drowsily dead-panned in expression, shuffled forward almost in slow motion, then suddenly his fists would come flashing out like lightning bolts.

Patterson is all animation. Few men his size have been more agile in movement. Speed is his forte. His rapid punch combinations are born of swift circling action. There is none of the serenity and deliberate calm before the storm that characterized Joe Louis in the ring.

Even in his younger days, no matter how overpowering his offense, there was always the element of a controlled force about Joe Louis' boxing. Patterson is more cyclonic, as though an opened floodgate had suddenly released a freshet of flying fists.

Patterson has one advantage over Louis in style which is too obvious to be missed by anyone. The Brooklyn boy holds his hands very high and is a difficult target to tag solidly. From the beginning to the end, this was a tactic Joe Louis never mastered. Joe found it impossible to keep his hands—particularly his left—high, and this made him vulnerable to right hand blows throughout his long and illustrious career.

Floyd is a much smaller man who doesn't seem to approach Louis in strength. Joe was a powerful fellow who tossed ponderous Primo Carnera around in the clinches as though the Italian Giant were a featherweight. It is doubtful that Patterson will ever be as big as Louis was at his best, even though Louis, like Patterson, was a light heavyweight in the amateur ranks.

Even when only starting out, Louis exerted a strange psychological edge over his rivals such as no fighter has before or since. Most of Joe's foes, men of proven ring bravery, climbed into the ring to meet him as though facing their doom before an executioner complete with mask and axe. Up to now, none of Patterson's foes have given any indication of panic when facing Floyd. It does not appear as though he will ever enjoy the psychological advantage that Louis did throughout his career.

While Louis presented an easier target than Patterson, Joe, when flustered or even staggered by a hard punch, usually lashed back with even greater devastation to his opponent. This is a vital ring trait and since Patterson has not come up to this test yet, no one knows for sure just how he will react when it finally happens.

Louis, who shuffled forward, liked to counter rather than lead, even though his ramrod-like left jab was one of the most effective punches ever thrown by anybody. But at Patterson's age, Joe didn't concentrate too much on that blow.

Patterson is as apt to lead as to counter. He favors the former method.

In personal background there is also some similarity, both being products of large families, who were taken in hand by outsiders who practically raised them. John Roxborough, Louis' original pilot, and Cus D'Amato, Patterson's master mind, are both people of paternal aspect.

Louis never presented any behaviour problems for Roxborough in his younger days, but Floyd had need of "rehabilitation," a job which has been admirably handled by the white-haired D'Amato, with an assist from a former New York Hotel owner.

D'Amato, as Roxborough did years ago, set a definite schedule of progress for Patterson. In Floyd's case the road to the title, while not as spectacular as the Louis campaign, proceeded even more smoothly and with a minimum of risk to the Brooklynite.

When, Patterson, fresh from his Olympic triumphs, turned pro in 1952, Cus announced that his boy would be heavyweight champion of the world in five years. Patterson beat the deadline by a whole year.

Four years after Cus' declaration, he flattened Archie Moore to gain universal recognition as Rocky Marciano's successor as champion. Three years after Louis turned pro he won the title from valiant James J. Braddock, but Joe still had a little unfinished business to attend to, before his crown fitted him as snugly as it should have.

This was a settlement of a score with Max Schmeling, who had defeated him the year before he won the crown. With retired champ Marciano showing no inclination to return to contest Floyd's present position, there is no one to dispute his championship claims.

Continuing the comparison, Louis was a great amateur boxer, but Patterson was just as good if not better. When Floyd won the Olympic championship, he was much younger than Louis was when Joe won the National amateur

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PATTERSON
SMALLER
180lbs.
LOUIS
BIGGER
190lbs
HANDS HELD HIGH
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ON HIS TOES
FAST MOVING
FLAT-FOOTED SHUFFLE
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..in 1957
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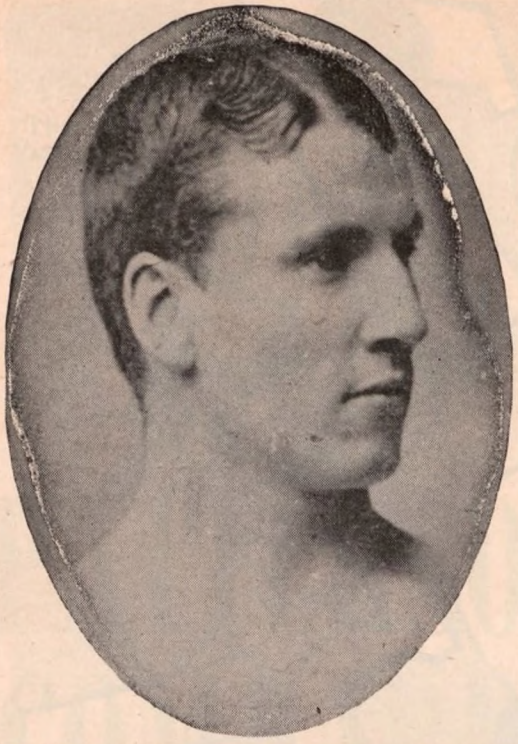


Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey, one of middleweight division's early champions; lost title to Bob Fitzsimmons.

# A Proud Heritage

## *Gene Fullmer Latest Champion of Middleweight Division Loaded with Tradition and History*

By JERSEY JONES

IN relieving an aging Ray Robinson of the world middleweight title, Gene Fullmer inherits some of the finest tradition in the long, colorful annals of the prize-ring.

Through the years, the middleweight division has been the most consistent in the boxing world. The various other weight classes have known alternating spells of feast and famine, of prosperity and depression, but year in and year out the middleweights have continued to operate as the most industrious crowd of the lot.

No division has produced more exciting action, more drama, comedy and tragedy, more talented performers. Some of the ring's most accomplished mechanics have scaled from 150 to 160 pounds, and many of them have been good enough to whip, or hold their own with, the top heavyweights of their eras.

The middleweights have been especially prolific in contributing to the colorful history of international competition.

As a matter of fact, the first international fight to be advertised as for the world heavyweight title had a middleweight as one of the principals. He was Tom Sayers, the English champion, whose brawl with the visiting American, John C. Heenan, ended in confusion and a disputed 42-round draw in Farnborough, England, nearly a century ago—on April 17, 1860, to be precise.

Sayers was a middleweight by today's standards. He measured 5 feet, 8½ inches in altitude, and scaled around 155 pounds. Tom conceded Heenan more than four inches in height, the same in reach, and nearly forty pounds in beef and brawn.

Another Britisher, Charley Mitchell, also was only a middleweight when he battled the mighty John L. Sullivan to a gruelling 39-round draw in Chantilly, France, in 1888. Mitchell "built up" to 162 for the match; Sullivan scaled 204.

### FITZSIMMONS A PHYSICAL FREAK

One of the ring's all-time greats, Bob Fitzsimmons, born in England, reared in New Zealand, won three world titles, all in American rings—the middleweight in 1891, the heavyweight in 1897 and the light-heavyweight in 1903. Even after he outgrew the middleweight class, Fitz seldom scaled more than 165, but he was a physical freak. He had the torso of a 200-pounder, with powerful shoulders and arms, but his legs were long, spindly shafts that looked as though they'd cave in at any moment from the top-heavy load they supported. Amazingly, however, those skinny nether extremities held up for more than a quarter-century of rugged competition. Fitz was 43 when he lost the last of his titles, the light-heavyweight, and he was 52 when he made his last appearance in ring combat.

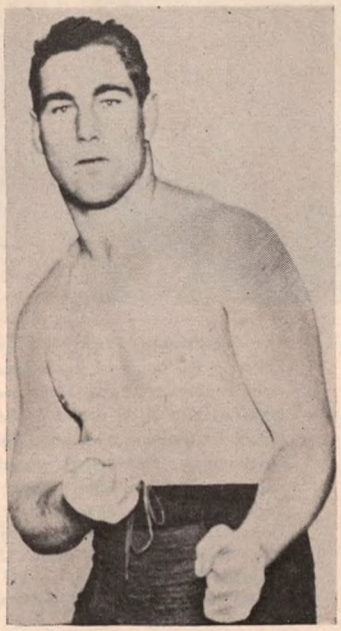
Despite the individual popularity of such ringsters as Mike Donovan, Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey and Fitzsimmons, the middleweights, as a class, were not regarded too seriously by the authorities until 1907, when the swashbuckling Stanley Ketchel came roaring out of the boisterous mining centers of Montana and began blasting his way to glory in California. One of the most spectacular performers the ring has

Stanley Ketchel (left) squaring off with Billy Papke in the third of their four historic battles.

known, Ketchel was largely responsible for establishing the middleweights on a permanent basis in the big-time scene. Ketchel's two four-bout series with Joe Thomas and Billy Papke are among the all-time classics of the ring.

Ketchel's flamboyant career was limited to American competition, but with his tragic passing in October, 1910, the middleweights began to expand their activities to other climes and international settings. Australia and France were enjoying sensational boxing "booms" at the time, and several years, until the outbreak of World War I, Yankee middleweights figured prominently in the lively ring developments in both lands.

Ketchel's main rival, Papke, who had won and lost the world title in his historic series with Stanley, and was generally regarded as champion when the Michigan Assassin died, fought in both France and Australia. As a matter of fact, it was in Paris that Billy lost his claim to the title. He and another American tourist, Frank Klaus, hooked up in 1913 in a bout recognized as for the championship. Klaus was winning when Papke, after repeated warnings, was disqualified for holding.



**Ill-fated Les Darcy, great Australian, was only 21 when tragedy overtook him.**

During those busy years in France and Australia, most of the ranking American middleweights visited one land or the other, and several campaigned in both countries. Among those who journeyed to the island continent, besides Papke, were Frank Loughrey, Eddie McGoorty, Cyclone Johnny Thompson, George (K.O.) Brown, Buck Crouse, Jimmy Clabby, Billy Murray, Jeff Smith and a former world champion, George Chip. Loughrey and Smith also fought in France, as did Willie Lewis, Harry Lewis, Dixie Kid, Leo Houck and Frank Mantell.

### CARPENTIER AND DARCY

The Yanks didn't lack for opposition from the homebreds. Both France and Australia had fine assortments of local entries to pit against the visitors. The best of the Frenchmen was Georges Carpentier, destined later, in American rings, to become light-heavyweight champion and co-star in boxing's first million-dollar extravaganza.

At his heaviest, Carpentier was never much more than a middleweight, but he had the speed and the punch to make him a dangerous opponent for much bigger opponents. When he squared off with Jack Dempsey in their historic meeting in Jersey City in 1921, Carpentier's weight was announced as 172 to Dempsey's 188, but it was obvious that the sleek Frenchman was spotting much more than sixteen pounds to the heavyweight champion. It was reported later that Carpentier actually scaled 164.

Gorgeous Georges wasn't big enough or strong enough for Dempsey, and was battered out in the fourth round, but he did have the satisfaction of staggering Manassa Jack with a whizzing right in the second.

It was during the "big boom" in Australia that the talented but ill-fated Les Darcy shot into sensational prominence. Darcy compiled a spectacular record against American opposition and he may have gone on to become the greatest middleweight in ring history had not tragedy overtaken him. The Australian was only 21 and hadn't had a chance to show in the United States when he died in Memphis, Tenn., in 1917.

### INTERNATIONAL DOINGS

The middleweight division was rich in talent during the reigns of Harry Greb, Tiger Flowers and Mickey Walker, three great champions who figured in frequent international ventures. Greb, as champion, whipped several British invaders, among them Ted Moore, Frank Moody and Roland Todd. Flowers also whipped Moore and Moody. Walker travelled to England to knock out Tommy Milligan.

After Walker voluntarily relinquished the laurels in 1931, to campaign among the light-heavies and heavies, he precipitated a confusing tangle that wasn't unravelled until ten years later. The various boxing commissions couldn't seem to get together, and the result was a scrambling mess, with conflicting "champions" sprouting all over the international landscape. During that decade the long parade of title claimants included Gorilla Jones, Ben Jeby, Lou Brouillard, Vince Dundee, Teddy Yarosz, Babe Risko, Freddie Steele, Fred Apostoli, Al Hostak, Solly Krieger, Ceferino Garcia, Ken Overlin, Billy Soose, Georgie Abrams and Tony Zale. Europe also had a strong claimant in Marcel Thil of France.

The muddled middleweight situation was finally cleared in 1941 when Tony Zale, then recognized by the National Boxing Association, and Georgie Abrams, endorsed by the New York authorities, hooked up in Madison Square Garden. Zale won.

International showdowns, with the world title at stake, have been frequent among the middleweights, but only thrice, and for brief spells, has the championship been in other than American possession. The first, of course, was when Bob Fitzsimmons won it in 1891, but Bob preferred fighting the bigger 'uns, and didn't pay much attention to the middleweight laurels. Next was in 1948 when Marcel Cerdan, the French-Moroccan, won the title from Tony Zale in Jersey City. Marcel was champion only nine months. Suffering a crippling injury to his left arm early in the bout, he was stopped by Jake LaMotta in Detroit.

The championship was gone slightly more than two months the next time. That was during the summer of

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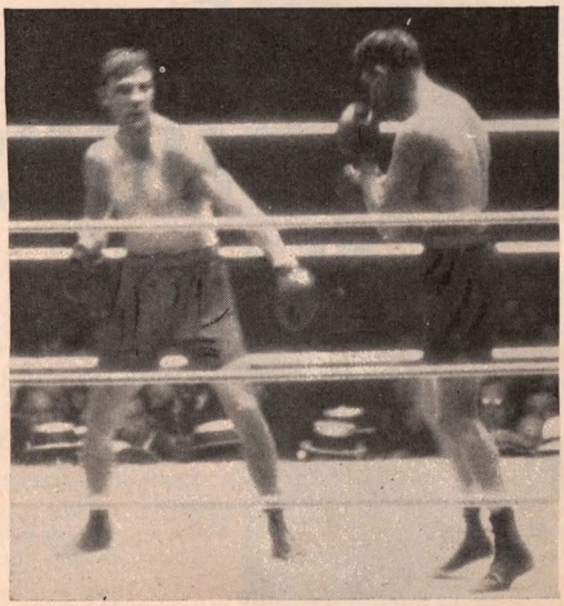


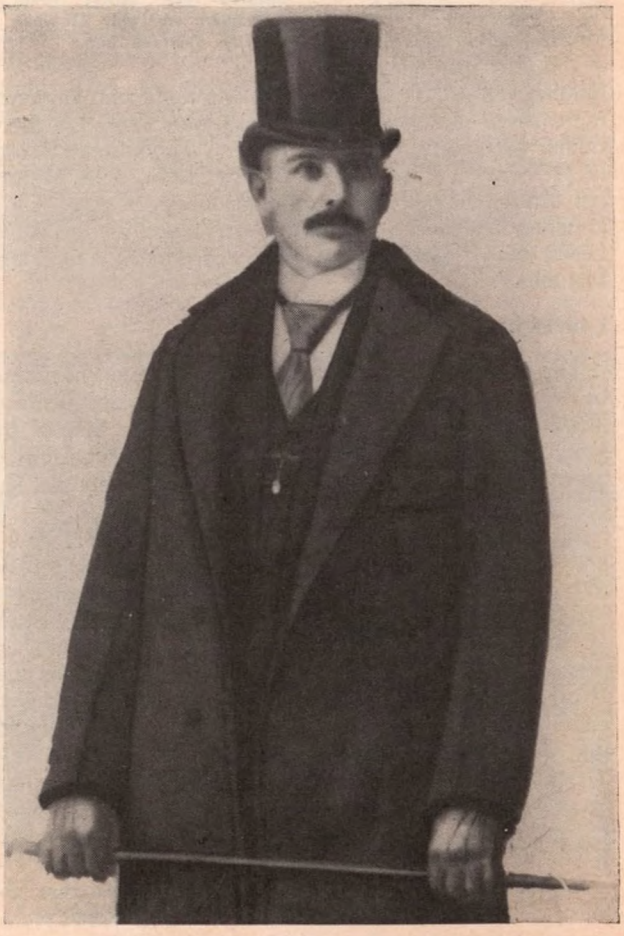
**One of ring's all-time greats, Harry Greb (left), winning middleweight title from Johnny Wilson.**

The Fitzsimmons Family of Timaru, posing with The Ring Editor in the home of Bob's great nephew, Wes Jack. Left to right, standing: Laurie Jack, grand nephew; Sid Fitzsimmons, nephew; Wes Jack, grand nephew; Bert Fitzsimmons, nephew; Henry Fitzsimmons, nephew; Herbert Jack, husband of Violet Fitzsimmons; Tommy Jack, grand nephew; Murray Jack, grand nephew. Left to right, seated: Mrs. Bert Fitzsimmons; Mrs. Jack, nee Violet Fitzsimmons; Mrs. Jack Fitzsimmons; Nat Fleischer; Jack Fitzsimmons; Rose Fitzsimmons, grand niece; Mrs. Wes Jack, and Mary Shaw, nee Mary Fitzsimmons. (Below) This photo sent to his parents by Bob Fitzsimmons, shows him in theatrical garb when playing in "A Man's a Man for A' That."

**While covering the Olympics for The Ring Magazine Nat Fleischer visited the hometown of Robert Fitzsimmons, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, and this is his story, beginning in this issue, of Timaru, New Zealand and the Fitzsimmons clan who have for many years held a prominent place in that locality.**

# THE FITZSIMMONS CLAN

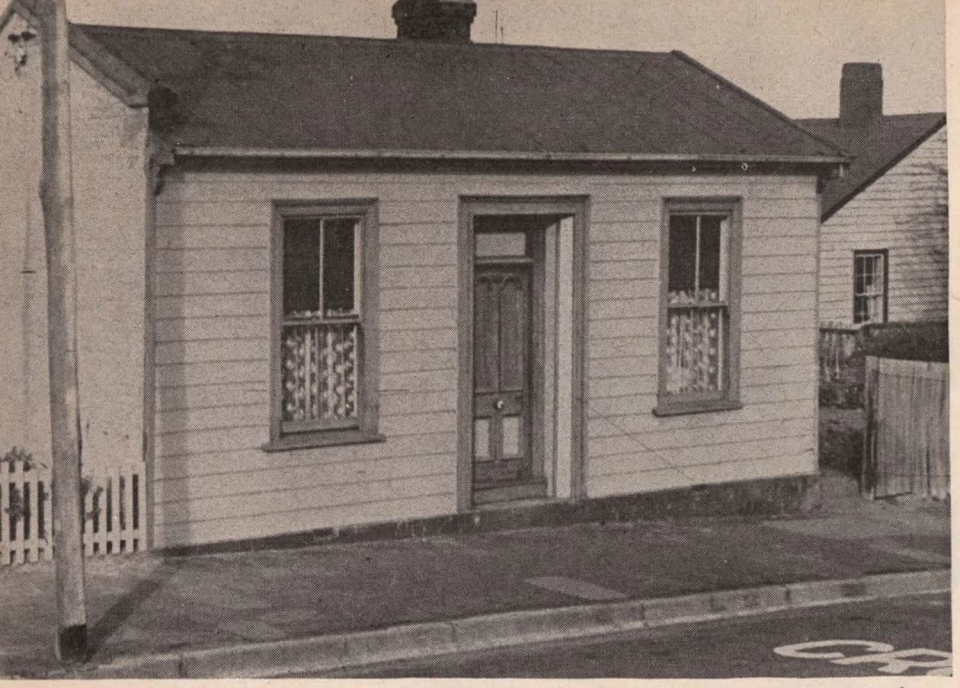
By NAT FLEISCHER

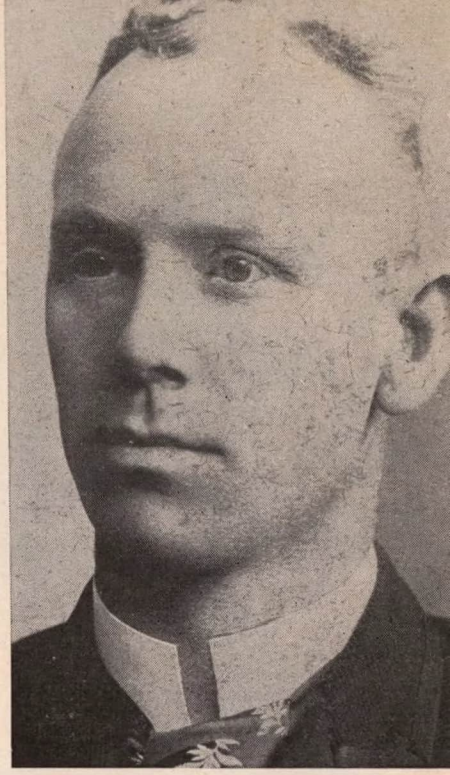


THE Olympic Games were over. My long stay in Melbourne where I had gone to report the International boxing competition was completed.

Should I journey back to the States by way of the Far East, stopping off in cities so well known to me through previous visits?

That was a decision I had to make quickly due to the heavy transportation problem and it didn't take me long





**(Above) This is the house where Bob Fitzsimmons lived with his parents in Great Road, Timaru. Bob also lived with his brother Jarrett in Theorocia Street for a time. Both houses are still standing. (Right) This photo of Bob was sent to his parents from America in 1903. It is inscribed on the back, "With much love to Father and Mother, Robert Fitzsimmons."**

to do so.

I remembered a letter I had received from Timaru, New Zealand, from Betsy McKenna of the Club Hotel whose mother is the patroness of the New Zealand Sports Association and whose father for many years was one of the most prominent figures in sports in the South Island. He died about two years ago and shortly before his death, his daughter, renewing her dad's subscription, informed me of the death of Fritz Holland, U. S. middleweight of pre-World War One days who had twice defeated Les Darcy, and on behalf of her father, invited me to visit Timaru should I decide to go to the Olympic Games. It didn't require much thought on my part now, what plans to follow.

A trip to New Zealand where famous American boxers had performed in the days of Eddie McGoorty, Jimmy Clabby, George Chip, Jeff Smith and Billy Papke among others—that was my decision. I decided to visit Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Timaru.

So on to Auckland I flew, a six hours flight from Sydney and from that point in the North Island as my headquarters, I headed down south, my final destination being Timaru, the abode of many of the Fitzsimmons family. Miss McKenna had assured me of a fine reception and she didn't exaggerate.

Everywhere I went, friendly hands greeted me. Radio recording was a must in each of the cities where I had stopped and in all, I was on the air, on radio and television, a total of twenty-nine times, including six special recordings for the Government controlled national radio, so great an interest was there in my visits and in international boxing.

Timaru was my objective because of the many entertaining hours I had spent with Bob Fitzsimmons during his stage career. I was out to gather material about the Fitzsimmons family and I obtained what I was after.

Two of the greatest boxing figures made their start in the Southern Hemisphere, Fitzsimmons in Timaru and Les Darcy in Maitland, New South Wales. These fistic stars were idolized in the land where they made their rise to fistic fame. Mention of the name of Darcy or Freckled Bob in any pub, and you've started a discussion that may last for hours as I quickly ascertained.

In my journeys through Australia and New Zealand I met many sports enthusiasts who knew Les and Bob. Some are well into the three score and ten years period, all with vivid recollections of the early days of the men whose names occupy a niche in the Fistic Hall of Fame.

When I visited Maitland to unveil the Darcy Memorial and spoke to a huge gathering numbering about 5,000 who had come from all parts of the Commonwealth to honor the memory of their idol, I thought I had met all the pugilistic celebrities of the past and present who had any part in keeping boxing alive in that part of the world.

But my trip to Timaru brought to light my error. Timaru is a small dot on the southwestern coast of the Mainland in the South Island of New Zealand. It is seldom in the itinerary of

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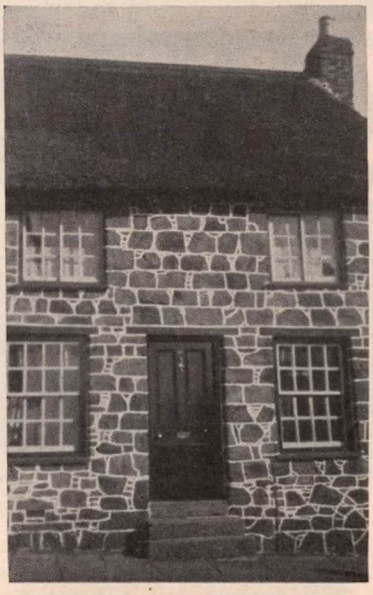
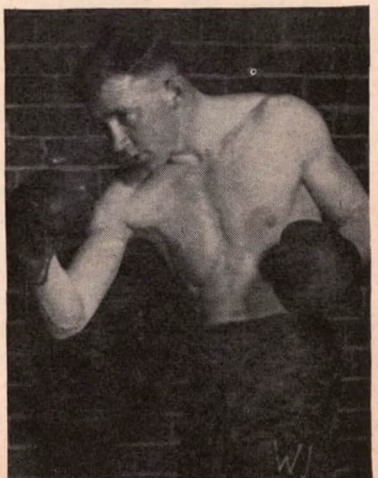
**(Below) This is the house where Bob Fitzsimmons was born in Helston, Cornwall, England.**



**(Below) Wes Jack, who in 1938 won the New Zealand middleweight crown.**



*It's All the Same But Custom Changes the Wording*

French Idol Marcel Cerdan did not quit when he was injured in his fight with Jake LaMotta in Detroit in 1949. Cerdan suffered a dislocated left shoulder in the first but fought until the tenth, LaMotta gained the world middleweight crown on this victory.

# QUIT OR RETIRE?

by LESTER BROMBERG

National stereotypes in boxing—or anything else—rarely represent an accurate picture. Certainly not a fair one. What is meant is this: If it's an acceptable custom in Europe to "retire" in the corner and it isn't in America, does that mean their fighters are all lambs and our fighters all lions? Definitely not!

To begin with, it is old hat, but so true, that it takes a brave man to even step into a ring. Then it must be conceded that, whatever a boxer does in the course of a contest, his behavior must be considered in the light of several factors—his natural gifts, his condition, his luck and local custom.

To be brutally frank about ourselves, we, in this country, have loopholes in our rules which permit a fighter to quit without honestly admitting his intention.

How many times have we seen a fellow slump to the floor after a punch that you wouldn't think hard enough to nudge over a scarecrow? Then the old act of struggle-struggle-struggle to his feet and flopping down again just as the referee indicates the fight could continue.

Then there are those ridiculous conferences in a corner, when the referee looks at the second, the second looks at the fighter and the fighter looks blank, waiting for the doctor to hop in and take them all off the hook.

### PLAY ACTING ALSO PART OF THE BUSINESS OF BOXING

Or this situation: A fighter who isn't in the contest any more is told by the referee that it's over. All of a sudden he comes alive, waving his arms and pretending that he wants to get at the other boxer again.

Sometimes there's a thinly veiled plot between fighter and second. The fighter doesn't want to go on but he doesn't want to admit it. So, while the next round is on, the second will make a grandstand gesture to the referee requesting him to halt it while the gradiator feigns innocence.

At the same time, there have been instances, both understandable and justifiable, in which a fighter has simply taken about all he can but, because of custom here, doesn't dare emulate the outspoken Europeans.

(Left) Joey Maxim jumps for joy as Ray Robinson is unable to continue after 13 rounds in their light heavyweight title bout in 1952. (Above) Tommy Farr, Welsh heavyweight, never said die.

Jake LaMotta is down for the first time in his career as Danny Nardico stands over him during their Florida fight in 1952. Although Jake was stopped by Danny he was one of the gamest.

Consider the case of Willie Pep, former featherweight champion, in the last two of his four battles for the title with Sandy Saddler.

Rember please that, in his second fight with Sandy, Pep had fought savagely and brilliantly to outsmart the rough Saddler in 15 rounds and to recapture the crown which he had lost by a knockout the first time.

Comes their third. He is out in front but Saddler is fabulously strong, especially in the clinches. Sandy becomes enraged at Willie's defensive rough stuff and manhandles him to the degree that Pep's back is strained. At the end of the eighth round, there is a to-do in his corner and he doesn't come out.

Though it is never formally announced as such, this is unmistakeably a "retirement."

In their fourth fight, a wild night of mutual fouling which even saw Referee Ray Miller hit the deck, Pep's strength again ebbed after an early lead. Result: It was over in the corner after nine rounds, another "retirement" also undeclared as such.

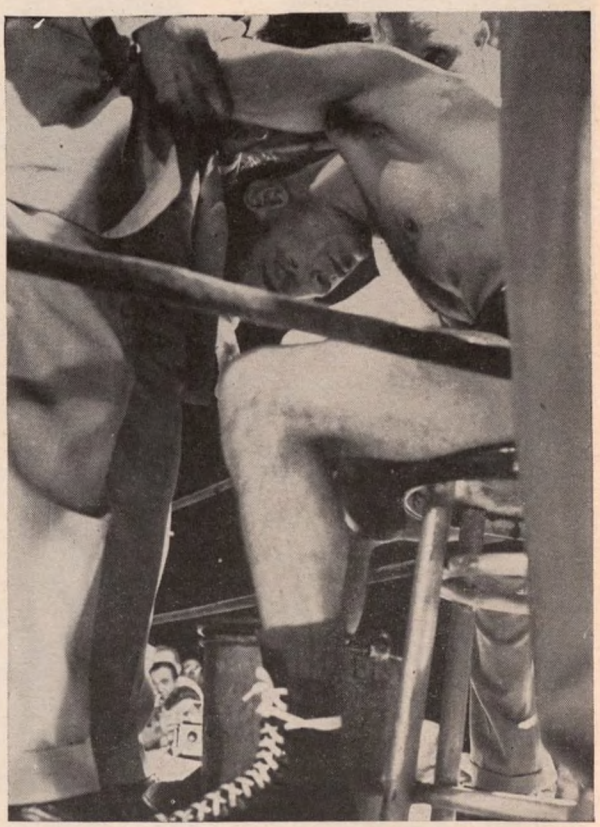
If you recall, the then new commission chairman Bob Christenberry had observed: "One more like this and boxing will be dead in this state of New York." And he slapped a suspension on Pep that was to last over a year.

Those two unhappy incidents besmirched an otherwise completely luminous career. It isn't illogical to wonder how much cleaner the situation would have been if Pep, in the British fashion, had been able to tell the world: "I'm sorry, but I just didn't have it."

You may call it hindsight but this observer recalls at least one specific occasion when he feels such candor might have averted a ring death.

The night Lavern Roach, the young Texas middleweight, suffered fatal injuries in the 10th round of a fight with Georgie Small at St. Nick's, I winced in my ringside seat from the sixth round through to the tragic finish. I felt Roach was going on nerve alone, he knew he was whipped but he was romantically brave, not realistically practical. A confession that he was through, after his best had failed, would that have been so frightfully damaging to the tradition of the American ring?

This past fall the British Empire heavyweight champion, Joe Bygraves, refused to come out of his corner for the seventh round of a fight with Wayne Bethea in St. Nick's. The crowd hooted him. "He's a bum, he couldn't even win in England," one of the fans yelled.



Willie Pep sits in the corner after retiring against Sandy Saddler in their fourth and last fight. Pep, a clever boxer, always believed in safety first and would not take a beating in a losing cause.

A couple of months later there was a cabled report from England. Bygraves had stopped Johnny Williams in a defense of his title, in fact punished Williams so severely that the latter had declared he would not fight again.

The story in a nutshell—Bygraves had gone out of his class against Bethea and didn't kid himself. Williams was

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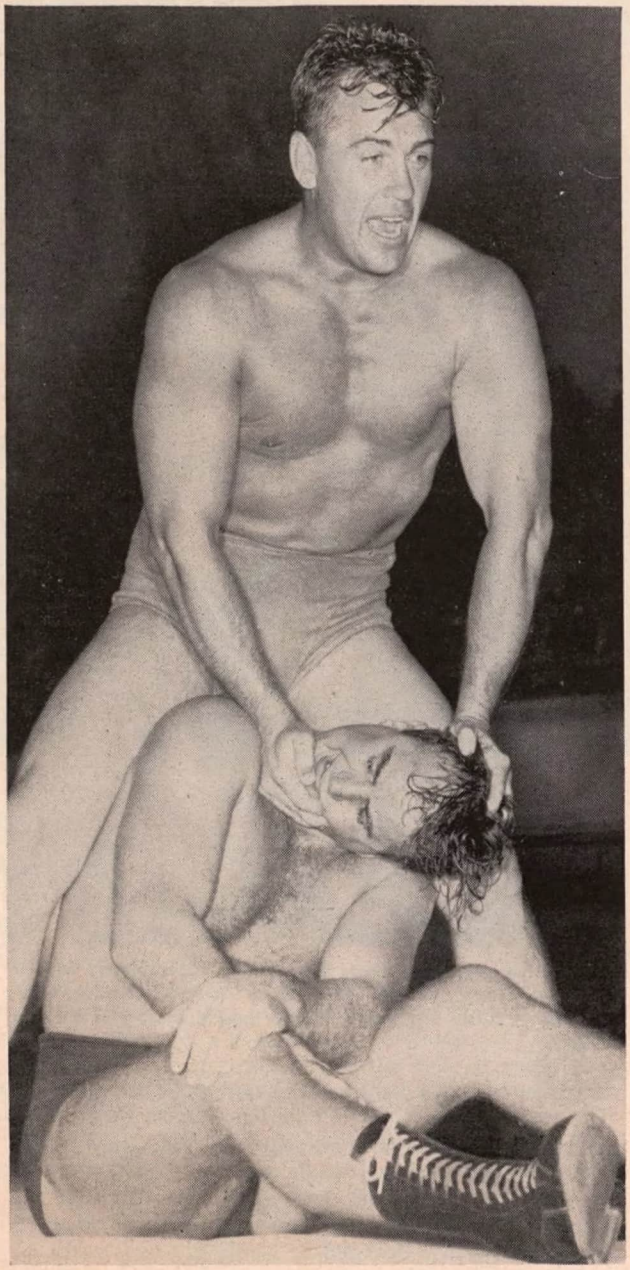
# THE MAT WORLD

Beverly Lehmer, nineteen year old blonde with brown eyes from Council Bluffs, Iowa.



Ronnie Etchison, the "Missouri Fireball," forces Big Ben Sharpe into submission at Fresno, California Memorial Auditorium. Photo by Mike Masura.

By NAT LOUBET

## ON AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

IN New Zealand middleweight wrestlers are as popular as the heavyweights. . . . England has a sprinkling of the smaller grapplers who are also doing right well.

George Becker and Jack Witzig, Southern Tag Team champs, have developed a good following in that area. They have a very active Fan Club with Cole Waddel, President, 620 North Catawba St., Lancaster, S. C. Becker is no newcomer to the mat world . . . he's been groaning for over twenty years. . . . Also seen in southern rings is Mike Paidousis, who can dish it out as well as take it.

Slave Girl Moolah alias Princess Moolah, married to Joe Pino, a professional grappler going under the name of Buddy Lee. La Princess received a very poor press because of her advertised championship match with one Pat Sherry, who turned out to be her fifteen year old daughter. . . . Oh yes. . . . Sherry's mother has been accused of paying no moolah to her offspring for her ring activities.

In December Sebree, Ky., had the first pro wrestling show ever to be staged at that city. . . . Some bistros of grunts and groaners have adopted the policy of painting a white line all around the floor immediately outside the ring . . . fans are warned to stay in back of this line or proceed at their own risk. . . . It is presumed that if a body meets a body in front of this line and the body of the first part happens to be you . . . you're out of luck—but if you're in back of the white line and get hurt you can sue . . . who?

Tiny and Al Mills made a determined bid for the Southern Tag Team crown worn by George Becker and Jack Witzig at Charlotte's Park Center Arena but the time limit caused a no-decision verdict..

There seems to be a trend toward super giants what with the Mighty Ursus, Yukon Eric, Roberto Pico, Timothy Geohagen, the Baillargeon brothers, Barney Bernard, Chief Saunook, Jose Ricardo, The Golden Terror, Pedro Gomez, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Jim Henry, Leonard (Butch) Levy, Tiny Mills, Big Bill Miller, Nick Roberts, Wladislaw Talun, and Yousaf II, to mention but a few.

All the Baillargeon are top notch weight lifters. . . . Tony has achieved a clean and jerk of 315 pounds, from squatting, 460 pounds and from deep knee, 500 pounds.

**FAN CLUB CORNER**

Fans interested in joining the following clubs should write to the names listed for complete information.

Don Eagle Fan Club, Publicity Director, Margaret Boechler, 803 Farlow St., Springfield, Ohio. Fans interested in joining the International Fan Club for Jim Hady, or a chapter for Johnny Rougeau should also contact Miss Beechler; Dick Steinborn Fan Club, President, Betty Minnix, 118 Elm Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Virginia; Jack Allen Fan Club, President, Carol Dexter, 412 8th St., Racine, Wisconsin; Chapter of the Roy Rogers Fan Club, President, Rene Werner, 4843 N. Ashland Ave., Apt. 2B, Chicago 40, Illinois; Mike and Ben Sharpe Tag Team Fan Club, President, Horst Drewes, 1417 57th Ave., Oakland 21, California (a new club); Herb Gerwig Int'l Fan Club (new) President, Mary Hasley, R. R. 6 Faye Street, Marietta, Ohio; Joe Tangaro-Guy Brunetti Fan Club, President, Miss Kathy Weiss, 4346 Laclede Ave., St. Louis 8, Mo.; Jackie Nichols Fan Club, Miss Mary Smith, President, 1045 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 9, Ga.

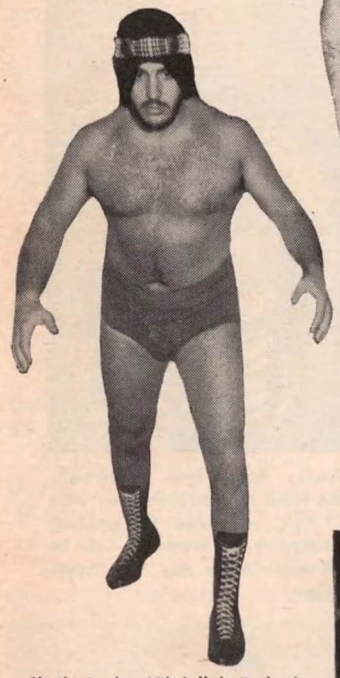
Dear Nat: Just a few lines to let you know about our wrestling season which has just concluded. Hope you can find use for it in the "Ring." We have had a great season mainly due to the arrival back home of Pat O'Connor. Pat has been away 6 years and had his first bout in N. Z. as a pro on Sept. 3rd when he beat Alo Leilani by one fall. Since then he has wrestled about 20 times and is unbeaten with draws with Al Costello of Australia and The Great Zorro of Holland. Pat's wife is also here with him and they will only be here about 6 weeks and then back to America. This season we have seen Ramon Cernandes, Don Beitelman, Doug Dawkins, Bob Leifler, Ivan Kameroff, Johnny Kostas, Jack Claybourne, Ed Faieta, Al Costello, Alo Leilani and Pat O'Connor. Of these John Kostas has been outstanding. He is a prime favourite here and with his clever leg wrestling he had a good string of wins.

Al Costello is a much improved wrestler this season after a tour of Europe where he won a big international tournament in Germany featuring some good men. Al met Pat O'Connor on Oct. 3rd in a big openair bout for the British Empire Title at Auckland.

Don Beitelman is always popular out this way and he has been here many times before. Alo Leilani is also much improved after wrestling in Honolulu since he was here last season.

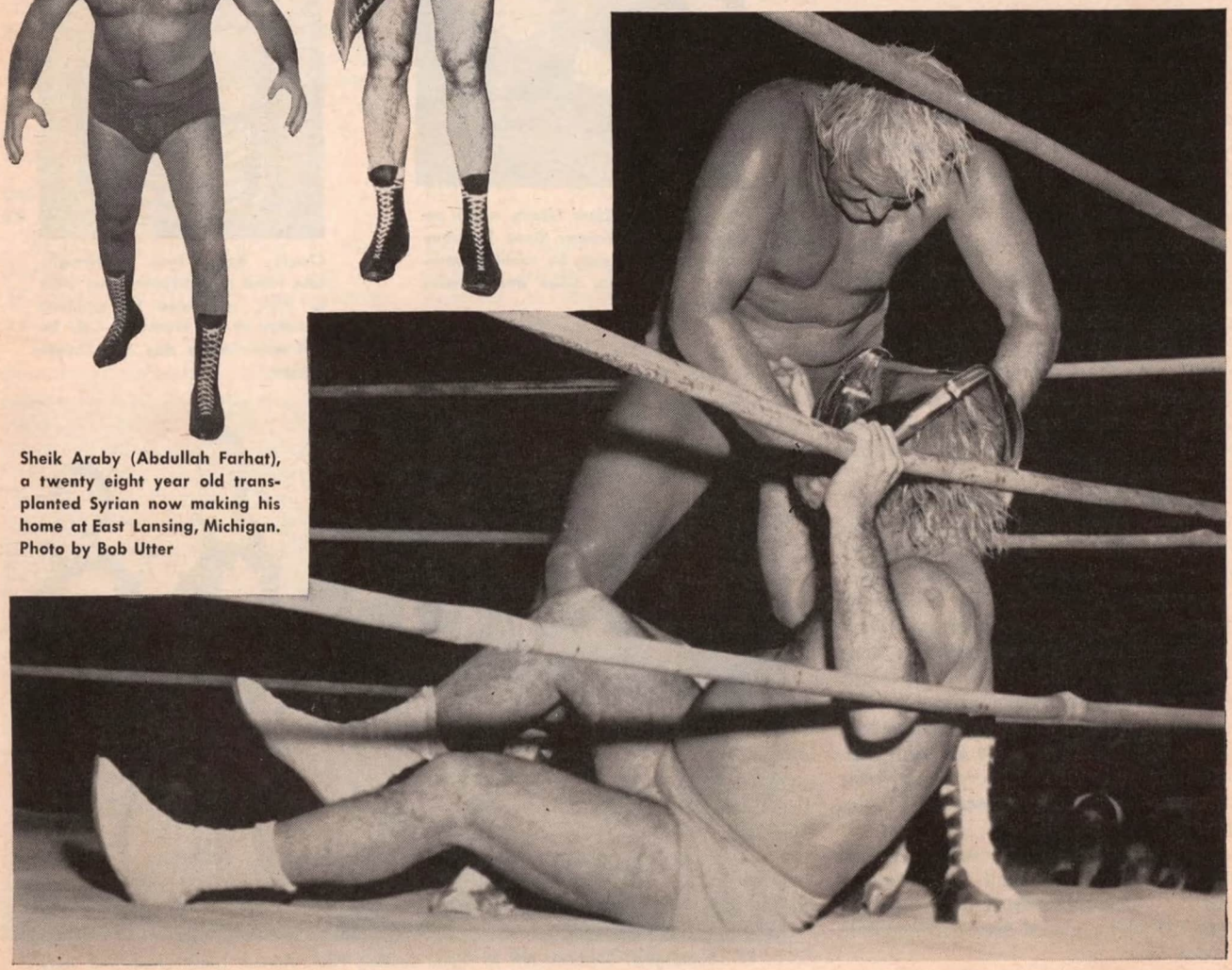
The Great Zorro has been the biggest attraction in this

**Gypsy Joe Gonzales, 240 pound behemoth from New England rings who is as gentle outside of the ring as he is a "villain" in action.**



**Sheik Araby (Abdullah Farhat), a twenty eight year old transplanted Syrian now making his home at East Lansing, Michigan. Photo by Bob Utter**

**Below: Dr. Jerry Graham in a fit of anger bends Gorgeous George's silver tray over his head in match at Sydney, Australia. Graham won in two straight falls.**



country for the past three years and he is a fine wrestler as well as a great showman. He wrestled as Dutch Howlett a few years ago.

That seems to be about all the news out this way.

Dave Cameron
Turakina, New Zealand

**THE RING'S POPULARITY POLL**

**Men**

1. Antonio Rocca
2. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
3. Verne Gagne
4. Pat O'Connor
5. Whipper Watson
6. Ronnie Etchison
7. Mark Tendler (Army)
8. Enrique Torres
9. Lou Thesz (NWA Champ)
10. Big Bill Miller

**Women**

1. June Byers (Champ)
2. Carol Cook
3. Judy Grable
4. Penny Banner
5. Kathy Branch
6. Gloria Barratini
7. Edith Wade
8. Judy Glover
9. Beverly Lehmer
10. Princess Moolah (Champ)

**DR. JERRY GRAHAM . . .**
**BY BUDDY QUALLS**

Dr. Jerry Graham, wrestler, hypnotist, and once school-teacher will stop at nothing until he's captured the world's heavyweight championship.

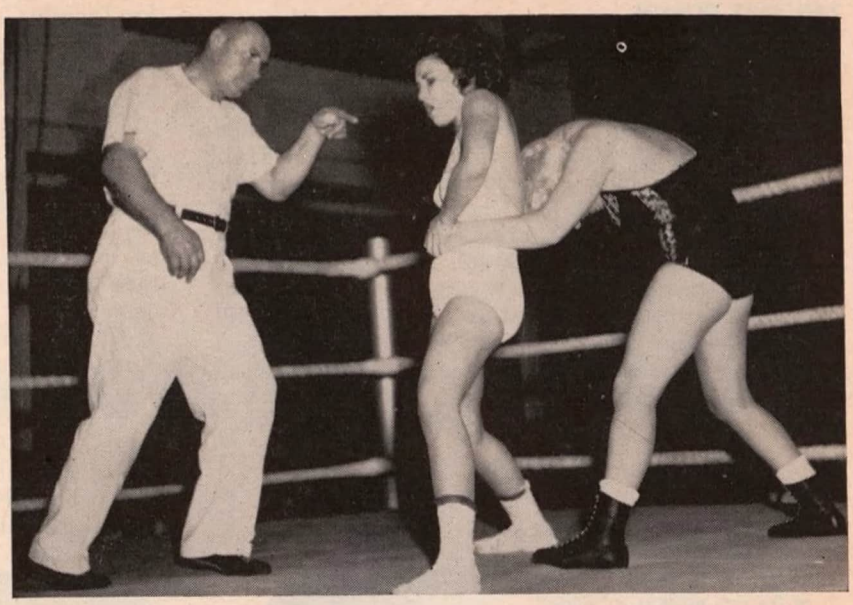
To gain recognition as a challenger for the coveted title, the 226 pound blonde has been meeting all comers throughout the Midwest, South, Southwest, Canada, and most recently Australia.

In Australia thousands of fans turned out to see Jerry. These fans were not only amazed at his off-limit tactics but likewise at his exhibitions of hypnosis displayed before his matches to willing subjects.

With his powerful "*Atomic Drop*," Graham downs opponent after opponent. He has met such "big name" stars as Bobo Brazil, Buddy Rogers, Gorgeous George, Chief Big Heart, and Big Bill Miller just to mention a few.

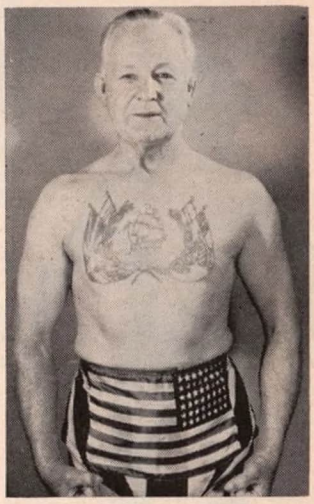
Dr. Graham believes he was truly blessed to have had as his trainer the great Jim Londos, exheavyweight world wrestling champ. Though Jerry's tactics differ from those used by the oldtimer, wrestling experts can very clearly see the similarity of holds used by Londos and Graham.

Wrestling isn't the only field that Jerry excels in. Football also offered a career to Jerry and he ranked with the best when he played for Arizona State a few years ago.



**Kathy Branch, "Villainess", wins another with rough and tough tactics. Here she is driving her head into Ethel Brown's back. Photo by Bob Utter.**

**A new twist! Tiger Marsh winds up the leg of newcomer Gene Dubuque who eases the pain by rubbing Intracel, a new pain killer into muscles affected.**



**Charley Kelly, Irish lightweight, who ruled that division from 1904 to 1914, celebrated his eightieth birthday at San Francisco, Cal. He still works every day as a house painter.**

**The Baillargeon Brothers, left to right, Charles, Paul, Adrien, Lionel, Jean and Tony.**

There's always action and excitement when Dr. Graham is on the card. If the day ever comes when Doc Jerry meets Lou Thesz, maybe all of Graham's dreams and efforts will pay off and the world will have a newly crowned "Heavyweight Champion."

**"ROUGH AND READY"**
**BY CAROL HOLMES**

Born William Darrell McDonald in Weston, W. Va., Bill has been wrestling as a pro now for the past five and a half years.

Frankie Talaber and Al Hoft are the ones responsible for Bill's getting into pro wrestling. Having nine years of amateur experience behind him Bill looks forward to many more years of pro wrestling. His toughest opponent has been Wild Bill Longson. His longest match has been with Joe Millich.

As to women wrestlers, Bill doesn't approve of them and says *"they should be at home making a home."*

Bill thinks there is no such thing as a *"villian"* wrestler, he said *"they just get ornery once in a while."*

On the personal side of Bill's life, he was born on Sept. 18th, 1927. He has one brother and is of Scotch-Irish descent. A graduate of Central High School in Columbus, Ohio. Bill also attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. His favorite colors are black with flamingo, and white with aqua.

Bill's pet peeve is having his hair messed up. Bill's hair is curly and black, his eyes are brown. He stands 6'1" and tips the scales at 235 pounds, is 29 years old.

**SHEIK ARABY . . .**
**BY BOB UTTER**

Abdullah Farhat, known in cauliflower circles as Sheik Araby, was born 28 years ago in Syria but now makes his home in East Lansing, Mich.

The Sheik, a 5-foot 11-inch, 228-pound powerhouse, attended high school in East Lansing and then enrolled at Michigan State University where he was a star on the mat team.

He has been seen on television from Chicago and Dayton, Ohio. He has made TV appearances against the country's best including Hans Hermann, Buddy Rogers, Pat O'Connor and Argentina Rocca. His record also shows that he has struggled against Art Neilson, Bull Montana and popular Hans Schmidt.

All-in-all, Araby has been groaning in the pro ranks for five years. He's rough, tough and likes to mix science with brawling.

Araby is married and has a son, Abdullah, aged four. He likes to spend every minute available with his beautiful wife and youngster. The Sheik's hobbies are photography and cooking.

"My ambition in wrestling," said the Sheik, *"is not to win the championship but to make a good living and to send my son to college."*

**GYPSY JOE GONZALES**
**BY TOM MORTIMER**

When I was a younger fella, I used to see a younger fella than I helping his mother with her flower shop. Thereby garnering for himself a fine knowledge of flowers. Today, I still see Gonzales helping his Mom with her flower shop. And what goes with it. Joe takes the same pleasure in biting a guy's leg as he does in biting off the bit of extra string on a box of fine flowers.

He is now six foot two and weighs around 240 pounds.

Joe is rapidly becoming one of our top villains of the present era. He loves to tell folks I'm his body guard. Well, come to think of it, we do team up pretty fair together, at that. Joe can create just about as much mayhem in the ring as any fella today. Then he sits down and drinks a pot of coffee.

He says all his opponents are tough. Says he gets paid to act tough the way he does. But out of the ring, how he is well-liked.

**REVIEW OF THE 1956 WRESTLING SCENE BY ED BRIGGS**

Wrestling enjoyed another prosperous year throughout the United States during 1956, thanks to such key headliners as Lou Thesz, NWA champion, "Whipper" Billy Watson, Ronnie Etchison, Enrique Torres, Bobo Brazil, Rito Romero, Gino Garibaldi, Lord Blears, Mike and Ben Sharpe, Pat O'Connor, Fred Atkins, Red Berry, Mike Clancy, Bob Orton, the six Baillergeon brothers, Richard Brown, Duke Keomuka, Buddy Rogers, the Lewin brothers, Big Bill Miller and others too numerous to mention. I went into naming the above as they drew the limelight during the past twelve months, either because of the important matches that they were in, or because of their increasing number of victories.

Of course, the most important news of the year in the heavyweight ranks was the whipping of Lou Thesz in Canada by the "Whipped" himself, Billy Watson, although Lou has since regained the title.

The NWA World Tag Team Champions Mike and Ben Sharpe, returned from Hawaii and Japan only to lose their title. At this writing, Ed and Big Bill Miller hold the title but two other tag units are hot after the championship—they are Enrique Torres and Ronnie Etchison, and the brother team of Donn and Mark Lewin. Needless to say, the Sharpe boys aren't letting any grass grow under their feet waiting for a return match. The Torres and Etchison combination have teamed off and on for the past three years and have proved highly successful. The Lewin boys, from Buffalo, N. Y. are definite threats and are very colorful.

. . . Adrian Baillergeon, Canada's strongman, has made a big hit in the northern California area . . . Junior heavyweight champion Mike Clancy showed very good in his title matches in the southwest states . . . Big Bob Ford, the "Ohio Thunderbolt," and Gorgeous George were suspended for 60 days in California for disrespect to referee Joe Woods at Long Beach, Calif. . . . Ford had long counted on returning to California and the GG match was his first match there in over 7 years. Bob enjoyed a long string of wins in northern California in 1949.

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Big Hans Schnable, 225 pound bruiser from Los Angeles has returned to the west coast after a successful tour of the midwest for promoter Fred Kohler. Schnable's partner in mayhem, Lou "Shoulders" Newman is touring the coast circuit with the veteran Schnable . . . Sensational Pat O'Connor of New Zealand flew into San Francisco after a few months in his native country and signed a contract for two weeks of wrestling with Joe Malcewicz. While on the coast, the high flying New Zealander dropped Clyde Steeves, Bill Miller and other coast top notchers. Pat then flew east to Buffalo, N. Y., where he wrestled Karl Karlsen at the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium. He flattened the big Swede in fast time.

Big Hombre Montana of Buenos Aires has returned to the west coast after a long absence. Montana is a former Pacific Coast heavyweight kingpin . . . Paul Baillargeon, strongman-wrestler from Montreal, Canada, has joined brother Adrian in San Francisco. Coast mat bugs are looking forward to seeing the two brothers in action as a team . . . Police Sgt. Harry Koch, veteran Fresno, Calif., law officer has retired after 20 years of public service. Harry served as officer in charge at wrestling contests held in Fresno for 15 years. Sgt. Les Malone has assumed Koch's position . . . Antone "Ripper" Leone, the Oyster Bay, N. Y. madman of pro wrestling, writes from South Africa to say that he's enjoying great success.

Chick Garibaldi, brother of Gino and uncle of Leo, recently showed his wares in Vancouver, B. C., Canada . . . The Duseks, Ernie and Emil are creating all sorts of havoc in Canifornia. They are showing under the Joe Malcewicz banner . . . Larry Moquin contines to draw his share of fans in Canada . . . Bobby Weaver is the new Southern heavyweight champion. Weaver previously wrestled under the monicker of Arnold Skaaland . . . Jesse Ortega is being billed as The Mighty Ursus.

By JERSEY JONES

WITH this issue, a couple of anniversaries are duly observed.

Thirty-five years ago this month, The Ring made its debut in the field of sports publications, and ten years ago this agent's by-line appeared for the first time atop these columns of general boxing chit-chat and reports of monthly activities in and around New York.

Whew-w-w-w! How the years move on! It hardly seems possible that more than a third of a century had faded into the mists of eternity since The Ring, with Nat Fleischer, one of its four intrepid founders, as editor, made its modest bow to the sports-reading populace, and that a full decade has flitted by since the New York department was taken over by this commentator.

Elsewhere in these pages Al Buck has done a fine job of rambling down Memory Lane and recalling the rugged problems of The Ring's early years, and how Fleischer's courage and determination, after Nat's partners had eased out of the scene, were eventually rewarded by the success so thoroughly deserved.

Now, a hale and hearty campaigner at the age of 35, The Ring, with its world-wide circulation, is recognized as the international Bible of Boxing, and globe-trotting Fleischer as the sport's No. 1 authority.

Since Buck has handled the story so entertainingly, we'll let well enough alone, and confine our reminiscenes to the other and lesser anniversary—the ten eventful years of reporting what had been Seen and Heard in New York.

**A MEMORABLE DECADE.**

This past decade was a momentous one for boxing.

Ten years ago the sport was enjoying a tremendous post-war boom throughout the nation, and particularly in New York's metropolitan area. Packed houses were the usual thing in Madison Square Garden, and within a radius of twenty-five miles of Times Square a dozen neighborhood clubs were jamming in clients with weekly shows. The calibre of the talent was immaterial, and prompted the late Billy West to utter his classic observation: "Bums are making more dough today by accident than good fighters used to earn on purpose."

It was inevitable that the "honeymoon," as the trade called it, couldn't continue indefinitely, and things gradually settled down to a more normal routine. As the lush, free spending era faded, the populace became more and more finicky in its choice of ring entertainment. Outstanding attractions continued to draw, but ordinary and mediocre cards declined steadily in box-office returns.

Then came television. With its modest beginning, it represented no serious problem at first, but as it expanded in scope it left disaster in its wake. Why should the public be expected to pay to see what could be seen for nothing? The cash customers began to stay at home and catch the fights on their own TV sets. One by one the smaller clubs were forced out of business. Long-established arenas like the Broadway, Ridgewood Grove, Queensboro and Fort Hamilton had to close their doors. The Garden, with a seating capacity of 18,500 for boxing, saw its attendances dwindle steadily until a gathering of 2,500 was considered "good."

At this writing, the only spots operating regularly in New York are the Garden and the St. Nicholas Arena—and both are little more than television "studios." Occasionally, one of the smaller clubs takes a chance, without TV support, on promoting an inexpensive card with local talent, but invariably it proves a losing gamble.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER.**

These last ten years left behind a wealth of poignant memories of happenings in and out of the ring . . . memories of colorful fighters who came and went . . . memories of exciting battles . . . memories of humorous incidents and tragic ones . . . memories of events that, in time, were destined to become legend and tradition in ring lore.

Ten years can be a long time, indeed, when one gets to thinking and remembering.

Curiously, we checked through The Ring files, wondering what we had written, 120 columns ago, in our first contribution to these New York pages. We came up with an interesting note. The lead was about a dazzling denizen of Harlem, who had just scaled the championship heights. He was Ray Robinson, the new welterweight title-holder . . . Had it not been for this anniversary party, the obvious lead in this issue would have been about the passing of an aging, slow-footed, uncertain Ray Robinson who had just lost the middleweight laurels.

Of the many happenings in boxing these last ten years, the one that remains most vivid was the dramatic collapse and death of Benny Leonard, an all-time ring great, while refereeing at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Lack of space makes it impossible to list all the outstanding developments witnessed by this agent during the last decade. But, recalling some of the many, there were the third and final chapter of the riotous Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano series in Newark, and the complete demolition job Marcel Cerdan turned in on Zale in Jersey City . . . the futile showing of a once-great Joe Louis against Ezzard Charles at the Yankee Stadium, and Shufflin' Joe's even more pathetic effort when his ring career was finished by a crude but eager Rocky Marciano in the Garden . . . Marciano's spectacular knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott in Philadelphia, and his furious first meeting with Ezzard Charles at the Yankee Stadium . . . a bleeding and tiring Ray Robinson turning apparent defeat into sensational victory over Randy Turpin at the Stadium . . . the brawling four-bout series for the featherweight title between Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep, the first two episodes in the Garden, the last two in the Stadium . . . The dazzling rise of a young Brooklynite, Floyd Patterson. . . .

## LIVELY INTERNATIONAL DOINGS.

Several interesting developments were reported in various sectors of the far-flung international fronts. . . .

Two continents that had never before produced world champions finally scored. Australia came up with its first title-holder in bantam southpaw Jimmy Carruthers. South America registered with flyweight Pascual Perez of the Argentine.

Japan also crashed the list of champions with Yoshio Shirai, who preceded Perez.

A newcomer in big-time boxing, Thailand, set a new high for attendance at a bantam bout—then came right back to establish an even higher one. The spectacular rise of a young native, Chamrern Songkitrat, was responsible for what amounted to national hysteria in erstwhile Siam. His two unsuccessful bids for the world 118-pound title played to packed houses in the National Stadium in Bangkok. Songkitrat's first shot at the championship, against Jimmy Carruthers, attracted a crowd of 59,760. After Carruthers' retirement from the ring, the title became vacant, and Songkitrat was matched with Robert Cohen, the French-Algerian, the winner to be recognized as Carruthers' successor. This time the capacity of the National Stadium was increased and the turnout totalled 69,962.

Here in New York, another all-time mark was set by Ray Robinson and Randy Turpin in their return middleweight title affair in the Yankee Stadium. With public television "blacked out" in New York, the fans had to pay to see the fight, and a total of 61,370 of them contributed a gate of $767,626 for the largest gate ever drawn in any division below the heavyweight.

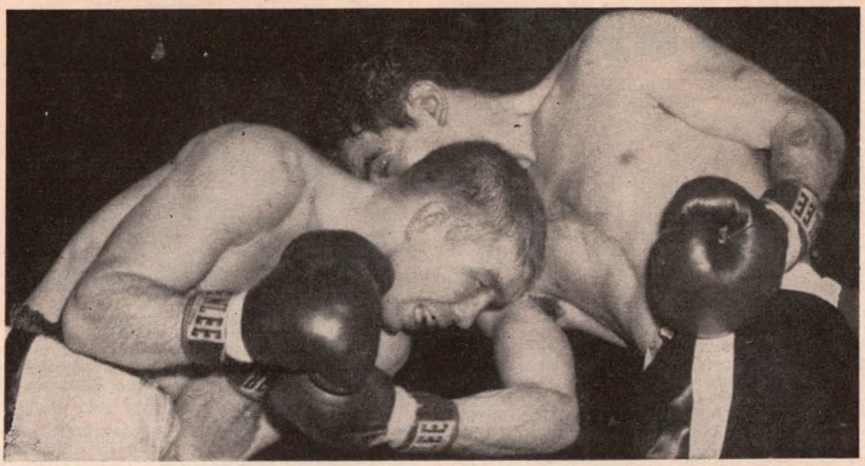
## OBITUARY COLUMNS BUSY

There also was a grim side of the scene, one we could easily have done without. That was in the obituary department. Too many prominent "names" in the sock market departed this restless world.

One was Jimmy Walker, one-time mayor of New York who, as state senator, authored the bill that became law and brought professional boxing back in 1920.

Then there was Mike Jacobs, Tex Rickard's successor as the world's top promoter. Also Damon Runyon, brilliant writer and last survivor of the three newspapermen who started Jacobs on his big-time promoting career.

Among the many promoters, managers and trainers who drifted along the trail that knows no return were Billy McCarney, Clarence Gillespie, Charley Cook, Tom McArdle, Jess McMahon, Bill Duffy, Joe Waterman, Billy Gibson, Tony Palazollo, Lew Raymond, Bill Carey, Dominick Tortorich, Billy Haack, Joe Gould, Walter Friedman, Natie Wolfson, Pop Foster, Billy Roche, Pa Stribling, Sam Golden, Ned Johnson, Dan Morgan, Charley Murray, Pete Reilly, Frank Mulkern and Bert Lippe. Among the referees to go were Jim (Slim) Brennan, Henry Lewis, Dave Barry and Tommy Thomas. Boxing writers and publicists included Doc Almy, Ed Van Every, Walter St. Denis and his son Norman; Broadway Johnny Cox, Jimmy Dawson and Harry Mendel.



**Bobby Courschesne (left) not only was a substitute but he spotted weight to Johnny Busso, then turned in upset victory in furious battle at St. Nick's.**

It was the fighters themselves who were hit hardest. Listing only the better known of the many, there were Jim Jeffries, Tom Sharkey, Tommy Burns, Harry Lewis, Willie Lewis, Battling Levinsky, Patsy Haley, Leo Houck, Jim Savage, Frank Klaus, Kid McPartland, Vince Dundee, Willie and Tommy Houck, Richie Mitchell, George (Elbows) McFadden, Eddie Wallace, Patsy Kline, Irish Patsy Cline, George and Billy Shade, Rocky Kansas, Memphis Pal Moore, Charley (Iron Man) Sieger, Benny Yanger, Owen Moran, Leo Johnson, Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast, Jack Delaney, Tommy O'Brien, Joe Bowker, Cyclone Johnny Thompson, Fritz Holland, Nel Tarleton, Tom (Bearcat) McMahon, Frank Mantell, Carl Morris, Stanley (Soakem) Yoakem, Chick Simler, Johnny Greco, Johnny Buff, Eddie (Kid) Wagner, Mick Gibbons, Sam Langford and Bob Olin.

Fatal accidents outside the ring cut short the careers of several leading ringmen. Two of the more prominent were a pair of middleweights—French Moroccan Marcel Cerdan, killed in a plane crash, and Australian Dave Sands, victim of an automobile smash-up.

A momentous decade, indeed, these last ten years.

THE month's results:

They sent an inexperienced youth against a seasoned adult at St. Nicholas Arena and the result was a bad lacing for Wilf Greaves, 158, Edmonton, Canada, in a one-sided ten with Italo Scortichini, 160½, Italy. Greaves was willing and tried all the way, but with only 15 pro bouts behind him he didn't belong in the ring with the Italian veteran. Wilfie was in trouble as early as the first round when, off-balance, he was clipped by a looping right and sent skidding to the canvas. He wasn't hurt and was up almost immediately but had to take the mandatory eight-count. The punch ripped a gash above his left eye and it bled steadily for the rest of the fight. Twice during the bout Dr. Sam Swetnick checked the damage but permitted Greaves to continue. Scortichini was entirely too ringwise for the youngster. At times Greaves seemed bewildered by the Italian's slap-dash flurries and he floundered around the ring like a crude amateur. He was game, however, and refused to become discouraged. He fought back stubbornly and was still pegging away when the final bell rang. Johnny Melendez, 135½, Puerto Rico, outpointed Harvey Charles, 133¼, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Charley Douglas, 133¾, Harlem, won from Harold Smith, 133, Washington, D. C., and Len Kanthal, 197, Washington, kayoed Charles Welton, 189½, Paterson, N. J., at 2:07 of the second. In fours, Walter Porr, 147, Kings Point, decisioned Felix Machado, Cuba, and Lew Burke, 137½, whipped a fellow-Brooklynite, Mike Castro, 139¾.

▶ Scoring a clean knockdown in the second, Calvin (Chuck) Davis, 157, Harlem, went on to outpoint Bob Provizzi, 158½, Freeland, Pa., in a mauling eight at Westchester County Center in White Plains. Aside from the sixth round, when he succeeded in reaching Davis with a couple of looping rights, Provizzi was on the receiving end all the way. He was too slow for shifty Harlemite, who nearly ended matters in the second when a combination of rights and lefts staggered Provizzi, spun him around and sent him sprawling, face down, on the canvas. It looked like finish for Bob, but he stumbled to his feet and lasted out the round. That was the only time either rival was in serious trouble. Joe Salvato, 160, won from Gene Hamilton, 161, in an all-Bronx semi-final six. In two other sixes, Bill Flamio, 146, Bronx, decisioned Paulie Griffin, 148¾, Brooklyn, and Grant Campbell, 146½, Harlem, posted the only knockout of the night by halting Kenny Smith, 149, White Plains, at 1:45 of the first. In fours, Dick DeVito, 134½, Brooklyn, had the better of Bob Delaney, 138, West Side, and local amateur favorite Tommy Nertercott, 131½, White Plains, celebrated his pro debut by trouncing Ralph Angel Jorge, 134½, Puerto Rico. The turnout for the second show of Promoter Al Goodwill's non-TV venture was a decided improvement over the inaugural night's attendance. Exact figures weren't announced but the spectators looked to number about 1,000.

▶ A knockdown in the opening round represented the slim margin by which Gaspar (Indian) Ortega, 146½, Mexico, repeated his previous upset win over former World welterweight champion, Tony DeMarco, 148, Boston, in their return ten in Madison Square Garden. Late in the first stanza, Ortega drove DeMarco to the ropes with a two-handed onslaught and sent Tony toppling through the ropes, flat on his back on the apron of the ring, his legs draped over the lower strand. DeMarco struggled back into the ring and to his feet in time to beat the count. The bell saved him further embarrassment. From the second round on there wasn't much to choose between the belligerents, and at the finish the scoring was so close two officials had to use the point system to determine a winner. Judge

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# IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

## By BILL MILLER

HARD on the heels of the edict barring Babe McCoy "for life" from California boxing, came another bombshell: this one a statement by David L. Luce, who glories in the title of Chief Enforcement Officer for the California State Athletic Commission.

Seems as how Mr. Luce made charges—known facetiously as "loose" charges—accusing Cal Eaton, Olympic boxing and wrestling promoter, of six boxing and wrestling violations. And he sternly recommended that Eaton's license, which he has held for 13 or 14 years, be revoked.

Luce had what is known as a "friendly press" when he was conducting his investigation of Babe McCoy. But the atmosphere changed when his charges against Eaton were analyzed. The press became critical, if not completely inimical.

Paul Zimmerman, influential sports editor of the L. A. TIMES, whose opinions are highly respected in L.A., thought that Luce's charges "came under the category of picking flyspecks out of pepper". They were, in truth, chiefly technical; and Eaton had a good defense on each and every one.

Eaton retained Jules J. Covey, top-ranking attorney, and former chairman of the State Athletic Commission. Covey, not one to mince words, said he was ready to toe the mark instantly if the Commission didn't grant Eaton the 1957 renewal of his license.

Even John Hall, Mirror-News, not as friendly to the Olympic as he has been to Hollywood Legion Stadium, declared "the recommendation that Promoter Cal Eaton's license be revoked on the minor charges filed by Dave Luce appears totally unjustified."

Then, the day before New Year, the Commission issued a statement that Eaton's licenses "would be renewed," but made a face-saving amendment to the effect that licenses were subject to review "and if, after a full hearing before the commission the information is that disciplinary action should be taken, the commission will take the action it deems appropriate even though a 1957 license has been issued." Words to that effect.

Anyway, Cal Eaton has his '57 license. And it is the opinion of most observers—myself included—that the commission will have to come up with much stronger reasons if they expect to give Cal "the woiks."

▶Tommy Tibbs, Boston, 130½, scored a 10th round TKO over Manny (Kid) Castro, 136, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Castro subbed for Lauro Salas, who injured an eye in training.

The chunky Bostonian scored heavily with uppercuts in the final round, and Castro was in a bad way when Referee John Thomas stopped the fight, only 13 seconds before the final gong. Tibbs will probably be matched with Salas as soon as Lauro recovers from his injuries.

Herman Duncan, 126, scored a 6th round TKO over Dwight Hawkins in the semi-final, slated for six. The fours: Denny Kramer, 175, TKO (4) over Bobby Harris, 175; Frankie Belma, 144, dec. Willis Johnson, 140, and Exter Wilkerson, 168, dec. Charlie Black, 164.

▶All three of the officials at the Olympic Auditorium credited Don Jordan with 100 points over the veteran Archie (Chief) Whitewater—and that's a rarity. Jordan, 142, won all the way over the Indian, who weighed 145¾.

Referee Russ Bradford tabbed it 100-89; Judge Frank Holborow, 100-84; and Judge Abe Roth, 100-91.

Two weeks prior, Jordan rambled down to Mexicali and scored a 40-second knockout over Enrique Equeda.

Heavily-tattooed Sonny Hett, 164, won the unanimous duke over Richard Montanez, 160½, in the six-round semi. The fours: Jimmy Feaster, 138½, dec. Posey Bridges, 138½; Ernie Boykins, 154, dec. Jerry Hammond, 149, and Benny Robledo, 139, drew with Bill Garrett, 144½.

▶From Sacramento came the news that the State Athletic Commission had voted to bar Babe McCoy, former Olympic matchmaker, from California boxing for life. It was headlined in every L.A. paper.

Three days later, McCoy, through his attorney, Jules Covey—himself a former chairman of the State Athletic Commission—fired back a broadside:

"We had no illusions about the hearing before the Commission," said Covey. "No other result could be expected when it is borne in mind that the Commission filed the charges, engaged its own prosecution, sat as the judges, passed on the admissibility of evidence, determined the guilt or innocence of McCoy and now proposes to act as executioner and ban McCoy for life."

Covey will go into Superior Court with the case. He is confident the court will overrule the commission and force it to restore McCoy's license.

▶Making his ninth professional start, Jimmy Moser, former Brooklyn amateur, 127, shocked the experts by winning the unanimous verdict over Vince Delgado, nephew of Carlos Chavez, 127, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. The Betcha-Boys made Delgado choice at 2½-1.

It was a nice Xmas present for the long-shot players. Referee Frankie Van tabbed Moser, 96-94; Judges Charley Randolph and Jack McDonald voted 97-93 and 96-93, respectively.

It was Delgado's 14th start as a pro, his second defeat. Delgado took an early lead and was ahead on most cards at the end of the seventh. From then on, it was Moser by a landslide.

In the six-round semi, Dargin McHorter, 146, finished fast to gain a tight-fit verdict over Dwight Lewis, 151. The fours: Eddie Gaspora, 130, TKO (3) over Ray Cook, 136; Amado Martinez, 136, dec. Joe Smyer, 136½; and Dick Montanez, 162½, KO (1) over Stan Adams, 165.

▶Dr. Dan Kilroy, chairman of the California Athletic Commission, seeks a 5% share of the TV loot for the State. That's the amount of the tax on gate receipts, but the good doctor opines that tain't enough. He also wants more authority for his body. The committee had recommended that Sid Flaherty be fined $1500 for doubling as a promoter, while managing fighters. They discovered that they had no authority to fine Flaherty, who is now operating in Portland, Ore.

▶And now Kid Gavilan can register another squawk about decisions, for at the Olympic Auditorium, the Cuban Keed, 152, went down to defeat, via split decision, at the hands of Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, 153½.

Close, indeed, was the verdict. Referee Tommy Hart voted for Fuentes, 96-95; Judge Frankie Van scored it exactly the same. Judge Mushy Callahan voted for Gavilan, 98-92.

The gross was a rather disappointing $15,008.

As for the fight itself, Fuentes did a good job of nullifying Gavilan's famed Bolo punch; he wrapped his left arm across his tummy, catching the uppercut on his forearm. Meanwhile, Fuentes employed his characteristic bull-like rushes on the offense.

This fight was not televised, but the supporting card, including a 10-rounder between Rudy Jordan and Mickey Northrup, was.

Jordan, making his first fight in seven months, won a close, but unanimous decision over Northrup. Jordan, 139; Northrup, 138. They battled at close range, most of the distance.

It was Jordan's first fight as a right-hander. A southpaw in all his previous fights, he decided to turn righty in order to get more work. The voting: Referee Charley Randolph, 98-92, and Judges Frankie Van and Mushy Callahan, identical scores of 96-94.

The four-rounders: Dwight Hawkins, 125½, KO (1) over Leo Carter, 127; Al Moore, 136, drew with Bert Ford, 143½ and Benny Robledo, 140, dec. Bill Garrett, 142½.

▶The posters said Eddie Chavez, former lightweight title contender, would fight the San Jose main event against Tommy Romulo of Manila. When the fans got to the Civic Auditorium they found Carlos Chavez trading blows with the Filipino. Reason for the Chavez switch: San Jose's Eddie had old facial wounds which broke open during training. Due to these injuries Carlos, the L.A. veteran, was called in as a sub.

Carlos ran into rough going from the start. Romulo, who has eight straight wins now in the U.S., was declared the victor when Chavez could not come out for the fourth round of the scheduled ten rounder. Weights: Romulo, 137; Chavez, 136.

Just before the bell sounded ending the third, Romulo put Chavez on the canvas with a solid right cross. The count barely got started as the gong clanged, but Chavez' handlers threw in the towel a few seconds thereafter. Referee Jack Silver then declared Romulo the winner.

The contest attracted 1100 fans.

▶Most annoying task usually faced by a referee is to halt a bout when one boxer is in trouble but still on his feet. Jack Downey had to take such action in the main event at the Auditorium in Richmond. Lyle Mackin, 149, of Oakland was declared a TKO winner over Jimmy McCoy, 145, Eureka, at 31 seconds of the fourth round.

The gross receipts total of $2,153 was Jimmy Cosenza's best since his recent start as a promoter.

Mackin won the first and second rounds by wide margins. In the third Mackin seemed never to miss. He put McCoy down for six near the end of this session.

In the fourth, when combinations were bouncing off McCoy's features, the referee decided he had had enough. Though there was a protest by McCoy and an uproar by some fans, most of the press considered Downey's action as the right one.

All the supporting bouts were scheduled for six. Jackie Torme, 191, Oakland, TKO'd Dave Ford, 199, Sacramento in two. Hank Casey, 161, San Francisco, outpointed Ray King, 166, Sacramento. George Sullivan, 143, San Rafael, decisioned Ken Gordon, 138.

▶Combining a fine assortment of punches—left jabs and hooks, right crosses, with here and there an uppercut—20-year old Carlos Ortiz, New York, 139½, made a solid impression with Hollywood Legion Fans by scoring a 9th round TKO over the veteran Phil Kim, Honolulu, 141½.

It was Ortiz' 18th straight win, with no defeats to mar his splendid record. It is liberally bedotted with knockouts, too. And it was Carlos' third main event. This boy is going places.

Ahead by a big margin on all scores, Ortiz nailed Kim with a terrific uppercut in the 9th. The Hawaiian staggered back, obviously hurt. But he refused to go down. That's when Referee Charley Randolph stepped in and stopped hostilities.

The televised fight drew a gate of $3,607.

In the six-round semi, Monroe Ratliff, 177, won the unanimous verdict over Frankie Haynes, 175. The fours: Royal Joiner, 138½, dec. Little Firpo, 139; Amado Martinez, 135, dec. Art Lopez, 139; and Questa Walker, 140, dec. Joey Smyer, 139.

▶Hugh Nichols, veteran wrestling promoter and former middleweight mat king, committed suicide at the age of 58. Many friends attended the funeral of the widely known, well-liked promoter.

▶Five well-known boxing figures have been nominated for the Gene Vinassa award, made annually by the Southern California Boxing Writers Association for the person who made the greatest contribution to Southern California boxing. They are: Dr. John Fahey, club physician at Hollywood Legion Stadium for the past 2 years; Jackie Leonard, Legion matchmaker; managers George Parnassus, Johnny Forbes and Canto Robledo.

▶The report that Cisco Andrade was going to retire from the ring because of arm trouble has been hotly denied by the Compton Comet. "Nothing is further from my mind", says Cisco.

And that's good news to all of Andrade's many friends. This boy is a credit to boxing. He has long deserved a crack at the 135-lb. title.

▶John Hall, of the Mirror-News, comes up with some interesting figures for 1956. Top man in the matter of purses, to nobody's surprise, was Art Aragon: he received $48,674. for five local fights. Next was Cisco Andrade; one local fight, $24,278.

Five fights in L.A. had net gates of $20,000 or over: Robinson-Olson, $202,354, a California record; Aragon-Andrade, $84,928; Aragon-Carter, $38,312; Gavilan-Vejar, $21,836; and Carter-Salas, $20,884. These were all net. Some of the others grossed well over $20,000—such as Peacock-Garcia and Carter-Jordan.

▶Jimmy Hornsby, 133, got back in the winner's circle at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring the unanimous decision over Gil Velarde, 136. It was Jimmy's seventh win in eight starts; his sole defeat was at the hands of Kid Centella.

Hornsby was 2½-1 favorite. Here's the scoring: Referee Reg Gillmore 98-93; Judges Jimmy Wilson and Jimmy Wallace scored it 97-93 and 97-94, respectively—all for Hornsby.

"He looked like a fat little cupid," said Cal Whorton, of the Times, referring to Velarde. It was apparent that Gil was not in the best of shape.

In the six-round semi, Don Farmer, 147½, scored a 5th round knockdown to get the upset verdict over DeWitt Lewis, 148. The knockdown was his margin of victory. The fours: Joe Smyer, 137, dec. Questa Walker, 140; Richard Montanez, 164, dec. Joe Mack, 170; and Larry Parker, 144, draw with Herman Beasley, 145.

▶From Jerry Mullany, my San Francisco correspondent:

At St. Joseph's Church in San Francisco's famed South of Market District the boxing fraternity of Northern California said goodbye to one of its long time members—"Spider" Roach. The funeral services drew many old timers from the immediate area, close to the birthplace of Champions Jim Corbett, Abe Attell and Willie Ritchie.

James "Spider" Roach had been boxing coach at the S. F. Olympic Club for the past 30 years. Before that he had been a ring perfectionist as a lightweight. His top discovery at the Olympic Club was Fred Apostoli, who later became middleweight champion of the world.

Bennie Leonard called Roach the best gymnasium boxer he ever faced. San Francisco fans of that era never missed sparring sessions in which Roach participated, as both spectators and Roach's ring partner invariably received a boxing lesson.

Roach, 63, had been seriously ill the past year. He succumbed in San Francisco to a heart attack.

▶Warren "Hutch" Hutchinson's fine young Mexican heavyweight, Ruben Vargas, former National AAU champ (1954), is much in demand. Cal Working of the Olympic Auditorium, and Jackie Leonard, of Hollywood Legion Stadium, are both seeking his services. It's been a long ttime since local Latin fans had a heavyweight to cheer, and the boy shows enough promise to become a red-hot attraction in the Southland.

▶Local fight fans are still arguing about Art Aragon and Enrique Bolanos—i.e., which was the better drawing-card? Sam Balter of the air-waves, also columnist of the L.A. Herald-Express, points out that Art Aragon's purses for 16 fights was $300,922, whereas Bolanos' pay for 21 fights was $272,169. He casts his vote for the Golden Boy. But it still remains a moot question, getting mooter all the time.

▶Well-deserved and properly acclaimed was the award of the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque to Floyd Patterson, youngest man to ever win the heavyweight title. It is considered the most prized of all boxing awards.

This award keeps green the memory of one of the finest men I ever knew—the highly-respected and universally loved "Eddie" Neil of the Associated Press. I was a guest at his wedding in New York, 29 years ago. He was a frequent visitor at the office of Jimmie Bronson & Bill Miller "Fighters With Everything But An Alibi."

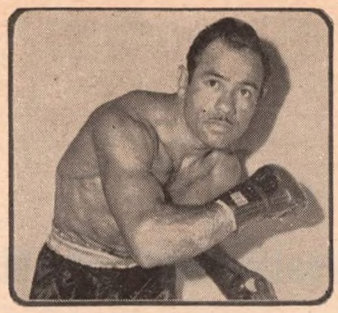
Eddie was All-New England selection as the best backfield men of that area when he attended Bowdoin College. He covered both football and boxing for the Associated Press when Alan Gould was sports editor for the A.P. Later he served as war correspondent in Spain, and it was there that he was killed. The last time I saw him was in 1937, at a boxing show in the St. Nicholas Arena, New York, where we sat together and cut up old torches. God rest his soul!

▶Dommy Ursua of the Philippines made his fifth victory in his U.S. invasion the most impressive by defeating Memo Diez of Mexico, one of the high ranking world title flyweight contenders. Diez took only one round. Average of the three official scorecards was 98-88 for Ursua. The battle was a ten rounder at the Auditorium in Stockton. Weights: Ursua, 115; Diez, 117.

Tabulation by Promoter Willie Hunefeld showed that the $7900 gross gate was the biggest in Stockton in the past ten years. Attendance: 2800.

Most convincing punch of the fight was by Ursua in the third round—a round-house right sending the Mexican battler through the ropes and on to the ring apron. After arising at six, fleet footwork saved him from further Ursua haymakers till the bell. Diez was also floored in the sixth.

Johnny Reno refereed.



**Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles welterweight, registered a split ten rounds decision over former world welterweight champion Kid Gavilan at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles.**

Preliminaries: Candy McGilmore, 165, KO'd Lou Andrade, 162, in 1; Abe Nance, 144, TKO'd Doug Garrett, 145, in 4; Leo Agbulos, 138, dec. Lou Costello, 142, in 6.

▶Jerry Mullany reports: After several months of no local fights at all, some observers were afraid that San Francisco fans had gotten out of the habit of attending boxing events. But the boxoffice formula of two nationally known Italian-American battlers proved successful, and Joey Giambra and Rocky Castellani drew $31,522 gross to the S. F. Civic Auditorium, with 6000 attending. Giambra won the decision in a hard-fought ten rounder. Weights: Giambra, 157½; Castellani, 160.

The consensus of three officials' scorecards was 97-94.

Approximately ten per cent of the net receipts went to St. Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael, Calif.

Giambra, young title contender from Buffalo, N. Y., had two big rounds against his Cleveland opponent. In the ninth Joey scored the only knockdown of the fight. In the fifth he rained punches on Rocky, making the spectators wonder at the veteran's ability to remain erect under such a battering.

Jac kDowney refereed.

Prelim bouts: Freddie Viscara, 129, TKO'd Tony Granados, 130, in 4; Benny Diles, 150, dec. Julian Valdez, 149 in 6; Enrique Barrero, 135, outpointed Johnny Bermudez, 130, in 4; Dick McGhee, 142, stopped George Weiner, 142, in 2.

▶Kid Centella, born Gustavo Adolpho Vega in Managua, Nicaragua, scored his third straight local kayo at the Olympic Auditorium when he flattened Ralph Cervantes in round 4. The other two kayos were scored over Carlos Chavez and Jimmy Hornsby.

All of which makes the Nicaraguan Keed pretty hot stuff in these parts, and puts him in line for some lucrative matches. This Centella is the boy who knocked out Ralph Dupas back in 1950, in his first American showing.

Southern Cal. boxing scribes named Centella "fighter of the month," an honor well deserved.

(Centella was named after the great Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, who was known as the "Lion of the North" and also the "Snow King.' He reigned in Sweden more than 300 years ago. No charge for the history lesson.)

It was an easy win for Centella. Cervantes suffered a cut eye in Round 1, then started running in a manner which would earned him a place on the Olympic Games sprint team. Referee Frankie Van halted "hostilities" (you should excuse the expression) in the 4th.

The fours: Sonny Hett, 164½, TKO (4) over Henry Bronko, 160½; Bert Ford, 140 drew with Al Moore, 135½; Abe Villa, 118½, TKO (3) over Pete Yray, 117½, and Leon Mitchell, 139, drew with Benny Robledo, 140.

▶Jose Luis Cotero, 128½, was made 2½-1 favorite over Dave Gallardo, 130, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, and obviously merited such installation as he punched out the unanimous verdict over the former state 126-lb. champ. It was one-sided. The gross was $3,843 for the televised affair.

By his victory, Cotero earned a crack at Tommy Bain's state featherweight crown. Toughest blow of the night for Gallardo: the Bureau of Internal Revenue attached his entire purse of $1086.72 for back taxes. A slim Xmas looms ahead for the four Gallardo children.

Alfredo Escobar, 131, after a layoff of more than a year, scored a 5-round TKO over Manuel Baptista in the semi, slated for six. The fours: Eddie Gaspora, 133, dec. Benny Robledo, 137; Bert Ford,, 144½, dec. Larry Parker, 141½ and Questa Walker, 138½, dec. Joe Smyer, 141.

▶Manuel Alonzo, top claimant to the lightweight championship of the Philippines, found out that a warrior cannot tell where the greatest disaster lurks on fistic battlefields. In previous bouts he had defeated Flash Elorde and Joey Lopes, and was a 5-1 favorite to vanquish veteran Davey Gallardo at Stockton. But the L.A. veteran fought one of his best fights and won on a TKO over Alonzo in the fifth round.

The Willie Hunefeld promotion, a special Saturday night program, drew 2,100 fans to the Stockton Auditorium. They paid $4,800 gross. It was a benefit affair, a portion of the receipts going to the Stockton Filipino Women's Club.

Each boxer weighed 135. Gallardo took a heavy face blistering from the start, but in each exchange he countered furiously. The rain of Alonzo jabs made it look like Gallardo would lose on account of cuts.

But it was the Gallardo left hooks which finally paid off, and at 1.08 of the fifth, Referee Pete Morelli halted the contest on account of a deep cut on Alonzo's left eyebrow.

Prelims: Johnny Guerrero, 137, outpointed Ken Gordon, 136 in 4; Andy Domebo, 175, KO'd Al Jackson, 169, in 4; Leo Agbulos, 139, stopped Sam Taylor, 142, in 2.

▶Frankie Skidmore, veteran S.F. welterweight, often loses bouts by a close margin when he plays the role of trial horse to aspiring youngsters. At Richmond, Calif., he reversed the procedure by giving a setback to Dave Johnson. Frankie made his experience pay off in the infighting, and took the ten round verdict at the Richmond Auditorium. Weights: Skidmore, 148; Johnson, 146. Gross receipts were $1,533, with 1,301 attending.

NuNu Randle, 132, Richmond, was a bit rusty after almost a year's layoff, but he floored Manuel Baptista, 132, S.F., in the fifth for a nine count. This gave him a draw in six rounds.

Luke Easter, 135, Pittsburgh, Pa., ended the undefeated status of Joe Boy Charles, 139, Berkeley, by winning the verdict in six. Easter scored one knockdown.

Four-rounders: Johnny Guerrero, 139, TKO'd Vic Cardot, in 1; Dave Ford, 201, stopped Leo Merino, 188, in 2.

▶It was the seventh straight victory on his U.S. invasion for Tommy Romulo, Filipino lightweight, when he registered a TKO over Chico Arroyo of Stockton in 1.54 of the fourth round. They had been carded for ten sessions at the Fresno Auditorium.

A right cross put Arroyo down in the second. Romulo scored two more "nines" in the fourth before Referee Frank Manfredo intervened. Weights: Romulo, 138; Arroyo, 139.

Gross gate for the Fresno Athletic Club promotion was $1,865.

Andy Carmona, 132, Fresno, and Dave Midel, 127, Sacramento, fought a bristling six round draw. Marvin Marcus, 140, Fresno, scored a TKO over Frank Elias, 139, Sacramento, in the fifth.

In the six round opener, Al Loretz, 159, San Francisco, was given the nod over Louie Andre, 161, Fresno.

## KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
### *By Max Yeargain*

**GLEN FLANAGAN, VETERAN ST. PAUL, MINN., LIGHTWEIGHT,** won a ten round split decision over Bobby Bickle, former Golden Glover in a close scrap at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas.

Their third meeting, Bickle, the aggressor, took command in the early rounds in a rough fight, which as the rounds went by had all the aspects of a street brawl. Both fighters were warned several times by Referee Sammy Anch. Anch called Flanagan for holding repeatedly and warned Bickle for butting.

Chief Alvin Williams, 170, Caddo Indian who on three occasions fought Floyd Patterson, flattened Freddy Thompson, 184, Wichita, Kans., in 1:55 of the fourth round.

Classy Leroy Green, 174, Kansas City, fighting with a broken right hand from the third round on, easily beat Jimmy Smith, 168, Los Angeles, Calif., in six.

Terry Lloyd, 140, promising young Kansas Citian knocked Marvin Smith, 138, Wichita, Kans. through the ropes and out in 1:45 of the fourth round. In the show stealer of the card, Gordon McDugan, 158, Nova Scotia, Canada and Tiger Joe Davis, Ft. Benning, Ga., fought to a draw in six rounds.

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## World's top boxing publication has had colorful and dramatic career

# 35 Years of The Ring

By AL BUCK

FROM Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler, to Floyd Patterson, youngest heavyweight champion, the elapsed time is 35 years. They have been years crowded with prosperity, depression, war and peace, and THE RING magazine has seen them all. First published in 1922 by Nat Fleischer, THE RING is the oldest magazine devoted exclusively to boxing, and this writer is grateful for the privilege of saying "*Happy Birthday.*"

The continuing story, recorded from month to month in THE RING, has been packed with excitement. This publication was less than a year old when Dempsey defended the heavyweight title in Shelby, Mont., against Tom Gibbons. A flop financially, the fight wrecked Shelby's bank and in collecting what he could of Dempsey's guarantee, Jack Kearns broke the town.

This was followed by what may have been the most thrilling of all heavyweight title fights, with Luis Angel Firpo knocking Dempsey through the ropes and out of the ring, and yet failing to win. For Dempsey hustled back to knockout the Wild Bull from the Argentine. A tremendous struggle, which the fans never will grow weary of discussing, the Dempsey-Firpo battle was fought at a time when boxing was approaching an all-time peak in popularity and prosperity, a peak which lasted through the Golden Twenties.

And yet, as Fleischer tells it, those were anxious years for the young Ring Magazine. The original owners were Fleischer, then sports Editor of the New York Telegram; I. C. Brenner, of Golfers' Magazine; Frank Coultry, treasurer of Madison Square Garden and Ike Dorgan, who handled Tex Rickard's publicity. Three months after the first issue, Brenner and Coultry decided the magazine would not succeed. Flesicher bought out their stock for $500 each.

Dorgan stuck until the depression years. Then he sold to Fleischer for $10,000.

### ALL SORTS OF TROUBLES HAMPERED RING'S PUBLISHER

"*There have been times when the going was rough. During World War II for instance, there was difficulty in getting paper. Many of our subscribers were in the Armed Forces, and our foreign market was cut off.*" Fleischer said. "*We managed to get along on our allotment of paper, and those subscribers serving their country continued to get the magazine free of charge. In addition thousands of copies were distributed to Army camps and Naval training stations with our compliments.*"

Since World War II restrictions on exchange has led to THE RING being published in England for circulation through the stirling countries. Except for the cover, and two additional pages devoted to boxing in the British Empire, the magazine is the same as the one prepared and published in the United States.

Tied in with the far flung circulation of THE RING is the monthly ranking of boxers. These rankings have become of great value to promoters, matchmakers, commissions, and sponsors of fights on TV. Knowing a fight must be approved by the commission, the matchmaker is aware the ratings are based on the records. THE RING ratings also serve as a guide to the sponsor, who naturally wants the best—somebody in the first 10—for his TV show. THE RING ranking of world boxers is accepted as the official ratings throughout the world.

And there is the annual "Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia," first published in 1941 to fill void created in the depression years when all other record books vanished from the newsstands. Fleischer has produced a record book, the most complete and accurate ever, each year. The 1957 edition is actually a history of boxing from the days of Jim Figg down to Patterson's triumph over Archie Moore.

Another important, and recent addition to THE RING, is Boxing's Hall of Fame. Plaque's honoring the Immortals of boxing are hung in THE RING's offices in Madison Square Garden. The greats have been chosen by ballots, cast by boxing writers, sports broadcasters, and a veteran's committee.

### RING SAW DEMPSEY PASS OUT OF PICTURE

The Immortals, the champions and the everyday club-fighters have all been part of THE RING story, starting in Tex Rickard's time, and continuing into the television era. THE RING's office was in the old Garden at Madison Square until Rickard built the new Garden on Eighth Ave., between 49th and 50th streets in New York City. The lush Twenties were exciting, especially in boxing, and THE RING's representatives were present when Dempsey lost the title to Gene Tunney in the rain at Philadelphia.

A year later came the famous "*Battle of the Long Count,*" with Tunney retaining the title after being down for 14 seconds in the seventh round. Fleischer, at the ringside, got 14 on his stop watch, he writes in "The Enigma of THE RING," a biography of Tunney, but he contends Jack's failure to go to a neutral corner was a violation of the rules and that Tunney was clearly entitled to the rest period he took.

Also in the Twenties, Harry Greb and Mickey Walker were to fight in front of a New York night club only a few hours after the Pittsburgh Windmill had successfully defended the middleweight title against the Toy Bull Dog at the Polo Grounds. And there was the second Benny Leonard-Lew Tendler bout to be followed by Leonard's retirement.

Rickard died in 1929 while promoting the Jack Sharkey- W. L. "Young" Stribling bout at Miami Beach and an era came to an end. It was followed by the depression which forced Leonard out of retirement. Benny reached the inevitable end when he was knocked out at the Garden by Jimmy McLarnin. The Thirties saw the great Barney Ross-McLarnin series, which established Mike Jacobs as Rickard's successor. Where Tex had his Dempsey, Uncle Mike came up with Joe Louis. Only before the Brown Bomber arrived on the scene, boxing Commissioner Bill Brown, on seeing Max Baer in training, called him a "bum." The bum promptly won the world heavyweight championship from Primo Carnera, only to lose it a year later to Jim Braddock, a child of the depression.

### BRADDOCK'S GREAT VICTORY WROTE STARTLING CHAPTER

Broke and hungry, Braddock came off the docks to become heavyweight champion just as the Louis star started to rise. *"The Louis Legend,"* the latest book authored by Fleischer, tells of the young heavyweight who came out of the west to defeat three of four former world champions before winning the title by knocking out Braddock.

His victims were Carnera, Bear and Jack Sharkey. He was upset along the way by Max Schmeling, and it should be recorded that the German was the only champion to win the title while on the canvas. His victory over Sharkey, when they fought for the title vacated by Tunney on his retirement, was gained on a foul.

Recovering from his setback by Schmeling, Louis won the title, defeated Tommy Farr, the stubborn British champion, and then redeemed himself by knocking out Herr Max in a round. One success followed another until the war clouds began to gather in Europe. Knowing time was running out Louis went on his famous "Bum of the Month" tour. Seven times in seven months Joe defended the title, ending with his sensational battle with Billy Conn.

Conn came close, leading until he was knocked out in the 13th round. Billy was only a light-heavyweight, and he is remembered best for two great fights with Fred Apostoli.

Shortly after their first fight both Louis and Conn were in uniform, and after four years in the Army neither had too much to offer when they fought a second time in 1946. Louis, like Tunney, retired undefeated, joining James D. Norris in forming the International Boxing Club. By then illness had overtaken Jacobs, and boxing was entering the television age.

Prior to that, indeed before World War II, THE RING wrote of the accomplishments of Henry Armstrong, winner of three titles—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight. The late Thirties also marked the retirement of Ross, McLarnin, and Tony Canzoneri. They all played their parts in the Mike Jacobs years.

Ezzard Charles was the first heavyweight champion to be crowned under Norris, and he was to turn back Louis, who unlike Tunney made the mistake of coming out of retirement. It is an error, Rocky Marciano, who retired undefeated last year, after 49 straight victories, is unlikely to make.

### MARCIANO AND ROBINSON HELPED PLAY UP DRAMA

The Rock wrote a brilliant chapter in ring history, as told in THE RING, when he came off the floor, apparently beaten to knock out Jersey Joe Walcott and win the heavyweight championship. The Marciano-Walcott fight, their first one, at Philadelphia in 1952, ranks with the Dempsey-Firpo fracas as one of the most exciting title battles ever waged.

Preceding Marciano, but keeping pace with him through the Fifties, was Sugar Ray Robinson, world welterweight champion, who after relinquishing that title was to win the middleweight crown three times. The end seems at hand for Robinson, although he will make an attempt to win back the middleweight crown a fourth time from Gene Fullmer, his recent conqueror. Like Leonard before him, Robinson made the mistake of coming back after a two year retirement.

All this and more, THE RING magazine has recorded in its 35-year existence. Fleischer is as well known in the Fiji Islands, Thialand, London, Paris and Rome as he is in his native New York. He has been decorated by foreign governments, and abroad, as at home, is recognized as *"Mr. Boxing"* and *"The Ring"* as the *"Bible of Boxing"*.

Fleischer has refereed, judged and reported fights in all corners of the globe. He was missing the night Patterson was crowned heavyweight king by knocking out Moore in Chicago, a fact worth of note, but even Nat can't be in two places at one time. but he listened to the fight in his his room at the hotel.

When Patterson and Moore squared off in Chicago, Fleischer was in Melbourne attending the Olympic Games. His reports on the international competition Down Under, have apperaed in recent issues of this magazine.

An author of many books, including those mentioned previously, I would say the best known of Fleischer's works is "Jack Dempsey, the Idol of Fistiana." He has also written "The Heavyweight Championship," and "John L. Sullivan, Champion of Champions." Another of his better known books is "Leonard the Magnificient."

Nevertheless his greatest monument is the THE RING magazine. For more than a quarter of a century, in good times and bad, it has never missed an issue. In all those years, even the rough ones, it has never carried a line of objectionable advertising. It has always fought the good fight, against both monster and political control of boxing, and has never compromised with evil.

Its greatest asset is integrity, and through it all, for the last 35 years, Nat Fleischer, the Ring publisher, has remained a warm, friendly and decent individual. His entire staff is one of experts, each possessing a fine knowledge of boxing and because of this THE RING rates so high with commissions, managers, promoters and sports writers in all parts of the universe.

### SPLENDID STAFF KEEPS MAGAZINE RATING HIGH

Headed by Nat Loubet as Managing Editor, there is Jersey Jones, a veteran of the old school whose speciality is international boxing; Daniel M. Daniel, Associate Editor; Ted Carroll, veteran cartoonist; and scribe, Johnny Salak, an expert on TV boxing and a specialist in research work; Lew Eskin, who tabulates the daily results for the Annual Record Book in addition to a staff of 146 correspondents who handle the world news as do the various news services.

No matter where one travels, he will find a copy of THE RING. In Hong Kong, Bangkok, Karachi, Tokyo, Manila and Rome, in Australia, New Zealand, Central and South America, in Iceland, Norway, Sweden and various countries of the European continent, you'll see THE RING on display. It is truly the representative of world boxing, a magazine unsurpassed in its field. There are many copyists, but ONLY ONE RING MAGAZINE.

In Madison Square Garden, headquarters of the publication, is its Museum containing watches, many dating back for several hundred years all the gifts of sportsmen to *"The Ring" Editor*; gloves worn by champions; relics of the bare knuckle days; a cestus taken from the ruins of Pompeii in 1921 by Fleischer; many objects that belonged to John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons, James J. Corbett, Jack Dempsey and Jack Johnson and Nat's medals and other awards from various governments.

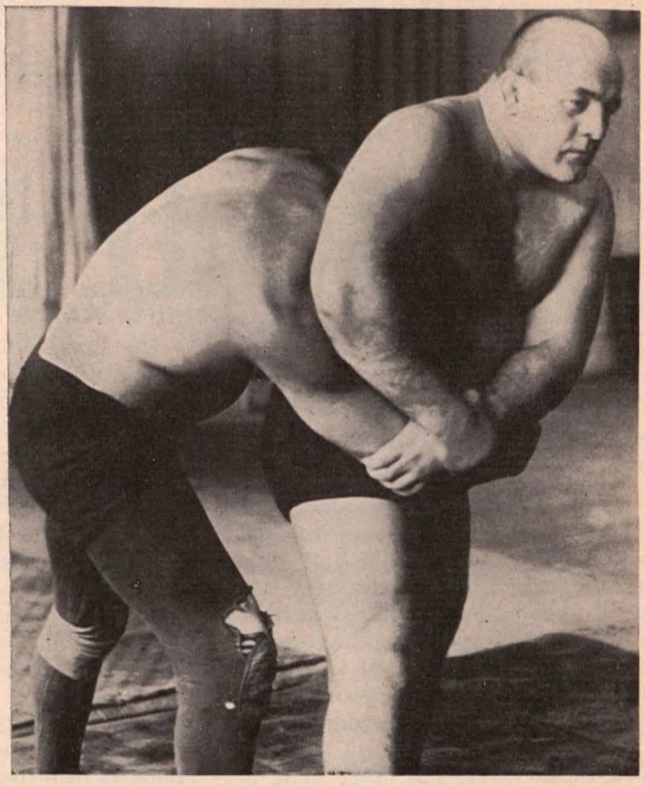
It is a pleasure, as well as a privilege to salute THE RING and wish a "Happy Birthday and Many More of Success to the Bible and Watchdog of International Boxing."

# 35 YEARS IN THE RING

## 1922

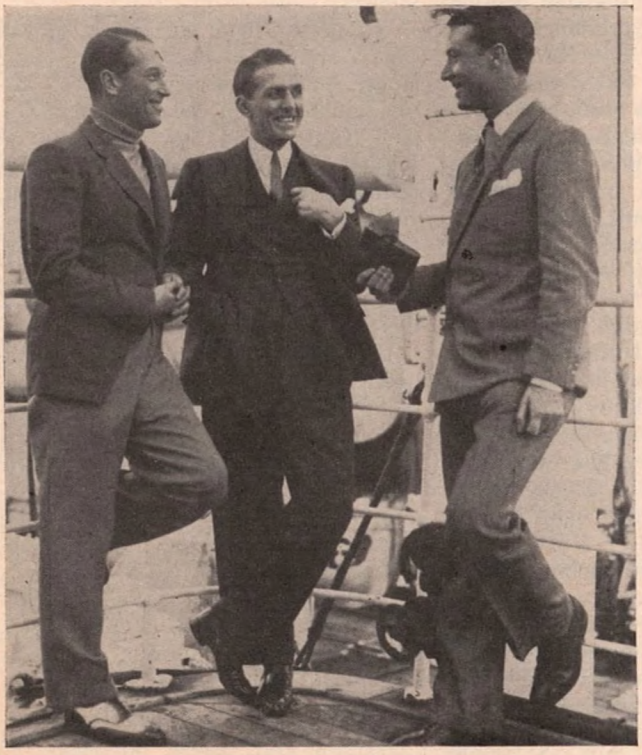
World's leading promoter, Tex Richard, and Britain's foremost boxing patron, Lord Lonsdale, were featured on first cover of The Ring.

## 1922



Stanislaus Zybyszko, younger of two famous Polish brothers, was recognized as wrestling's heavyweight champion, when The Ring was born.

## 1925

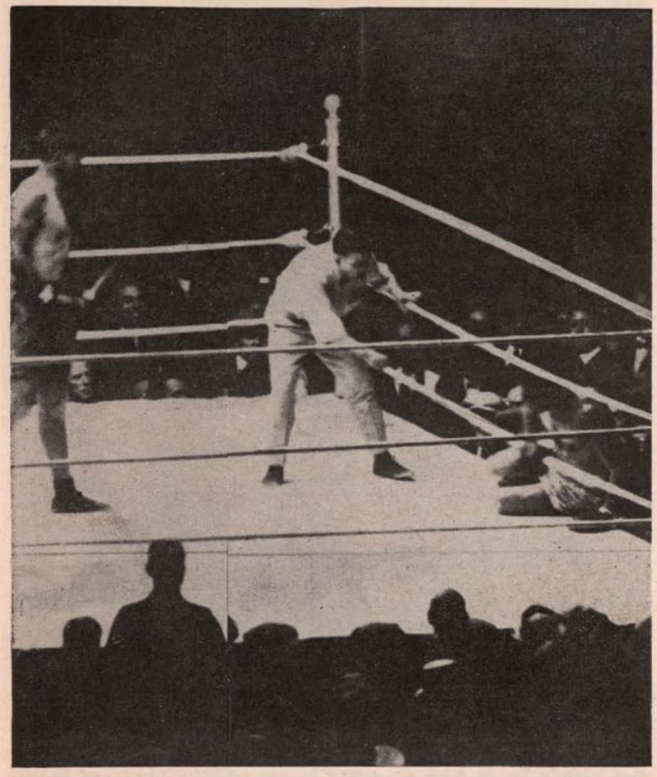


Georges Carpentier, co-featured four years before with Jack Dempsey in boxing's first million-dollar gate, is interviewed by newspaperman as he pays another visit to U. S. With Carpentier is Maurice Chevalier (left), noted French stage entertainer.

## 1927

Tex Richard and Jack Dempsey talked things over before ex-champion's meeting with Jack Sharkey, which earned Dempsey a second chance at his conquerer Gene Tunney. Dempsey was to Rickard what Louis was to Mike Jacobs.

1923



Boxing's most riotous brawl saw Argentine giant, Luis Angel Firpo, came off the floor seven times to slug champion Jack Dempsey through ropes in first round at Polo Grounds. Dempsey came back to knockout Firpo in second round.

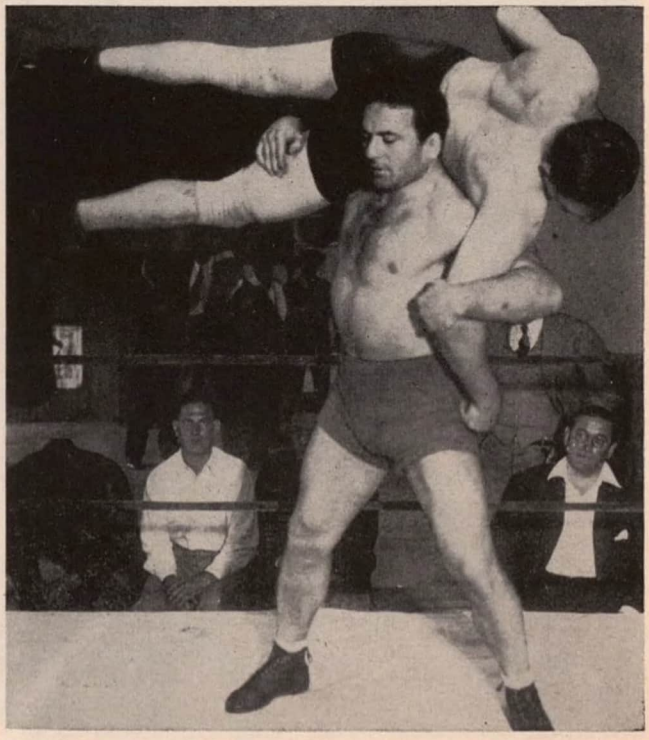
1923

The Ring presented its first championship belt to Jack Dempsey. (To date, 177 have been given out.) Seen here are some of the many international awards on view in The Ring Museum. Included are several ring championship belts.

1931

Bill Muldoon, Jim Farley and Bert Stand held last official meeting as members of New York State Athletic Commission. During its tenure in office this commission passed the "no foul" rule that has meant so much to boxing.

1933

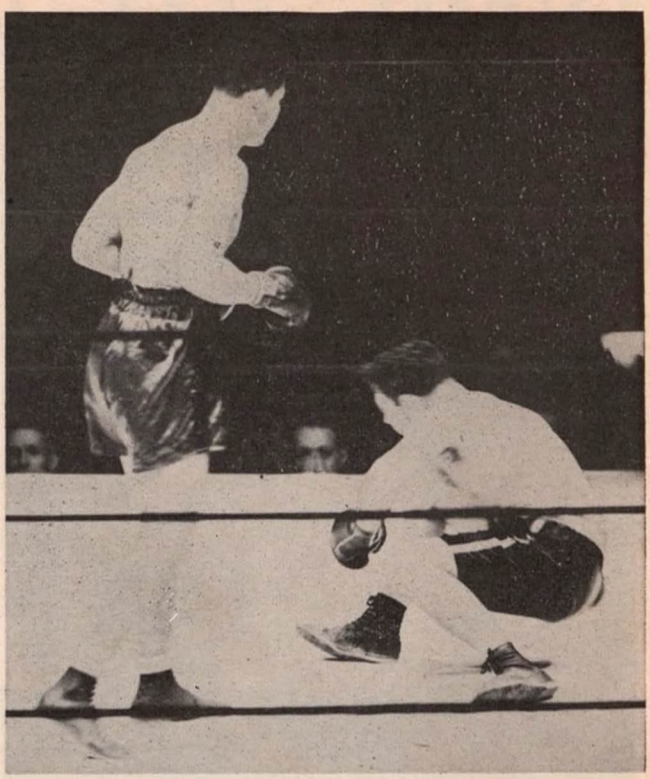


Powerful Jim Londos squelched all opposition to earn recognition as heavyweight champion, in those halycon days which saw the beginning of freaks and the introduction of the "Hippodrom" in wrestling.

## 1934

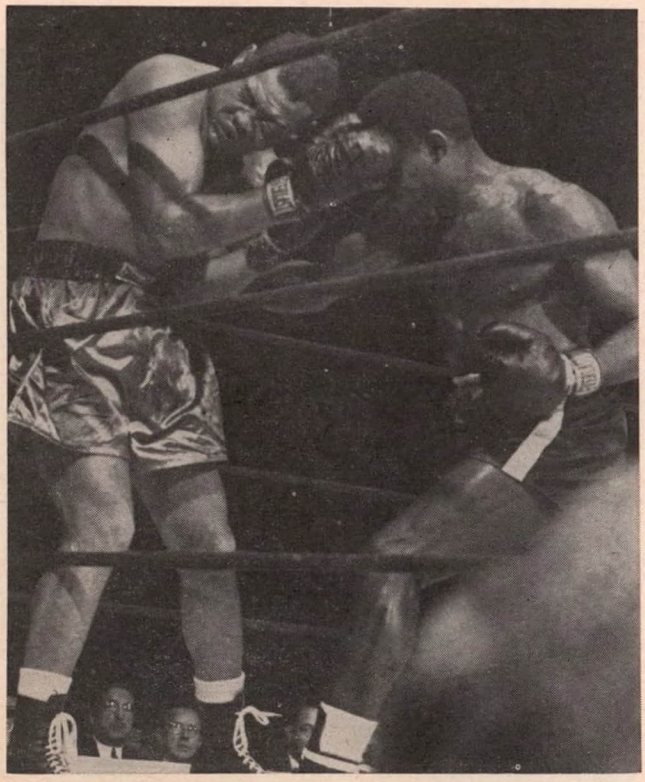
A Merry Madcap reached top of the heavyweight division when Max Baer battered Primo Carnera into defeat in Long Island City. Baer was one of boxing's most colorful personalities of all time.

## 1937



Sensational rise of Joe Louis was climaxed when young Detroiter knocked out Jim Braddock in Chicago to become heavyweight champion. Thus started an era in boxing that carried Louis to fame and fortune. He was a national hero and idol of his people.

## 1950



A paunchy, fading Joe Louis neared the end of the long trail when he was manhandled by Ezzard Charles in Yankee Stadium. Thus another ex-heavyweight champ's attempt to regain his title ended in failure.

## 1951

Battered and bleeding, Ray Robinson rallied to turn apparent defeat into sensational victory over Randy Turpin in Yankee Stadium. Robby, considered by many best fighter in his class, held middleweight title three times and will shortly have a chance to regain it again.

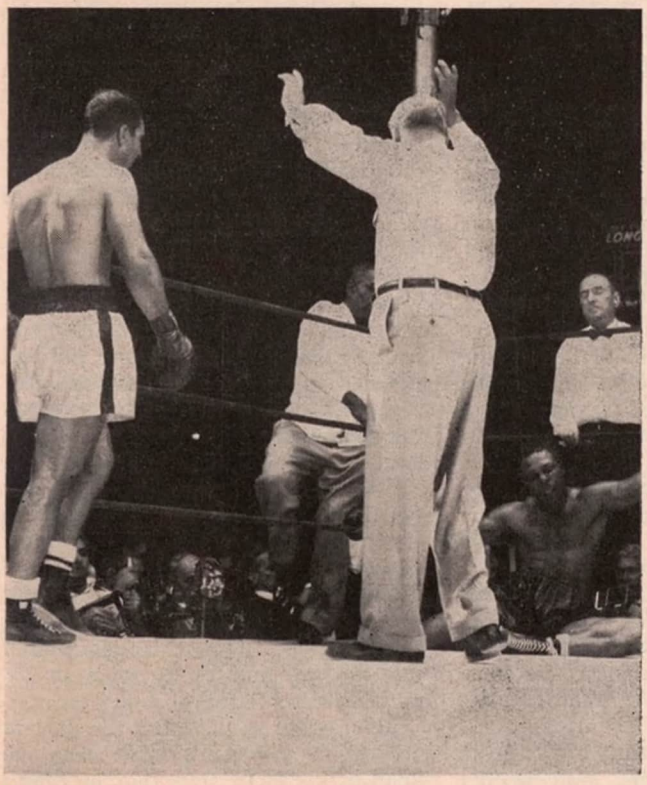
1939

Barney Ross (left) gave brilliant exhibition in retaining welterweight title against dangerous Ceferino Garcia at "Carnival of Champions" in Polo Grounds. This was one of highlights in boxing history. For the first and last time four championships were decided on the same card.

1941

Joe Louis and Promoter Mike Jacobs got a chuckle reading of Joe's victory over "dynamic stance" and "cosmic punch" of Lou Nova at Polo Grounds. Together Louis and Jacobs headed an era in boxing that made the fistic game "big business."

1955



Rocky Marciano was too strong and durable for Archie Moore and retained heavyweight title by battering lighter, older rival into exhaustion at Yankee Stadium. Marciano was first heavyweight champ to retire undefeated. In 49 professional bouts he never tasted defeat.

1956

With Promoter Jim Norris looking on, unbeaten champion Rocky Marciano announces his retirement from boxing. Norris and Marciano closed an era in boxing. Dempsey and Rickard, Louis and Jacobs and Marciano and Norris were teams that led three promoters into power.

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## THE FITZSIMMONS CLAN

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the tourists and receives little attention even from New Zealanders.

Yet this little city of only 23,000 inhabitants in the sheep farm district 100 miles from Christchurch and about 200 from Auckland, can stand on its own as an historic athletic center. It has a unique claim to fame in the sports field with five of the world's greatest athletes hailing from its city.

Remember Jack Lovelock, the famous 1500 metres king to whom Hitler presented an oak tree, part of the Olympic ceremonies at that time? Jack brought it home to Timaru, presented it to the high school and today it stands 75 feet high in the school yard as a memorial to the athlete who died in America.

Then there is Phar Lap, the "Red Terror," the race horse that thrilled the turf world with his great performances and died in America where he had been shipped.

And Dick Arnst, the world renowned sculler who had few equals. He was born in Timaru and lived there all his life.

The little city that had less than 3000 inhabitants when the Fitzsimmons clan first settled there, also boasted of a great billiardist in Clark McConachy. They came no better than Clark, a master of the cue.

But Timaru basis its great claim to athletic fame in producing the first man to win three world champions-Bob Fitzsimmons, holder of the world middleweight, heavyweight and light heavyweight crowns. The city lays claim to Bob as its very own though the British take credit for bringing him into the world and point to him as a Britisher.

The Timaru folk keep Ruby Robert's name alive with stories about his escapades and thrilling anecdotes about the strength of his dad, the ability of his brother Jarrett as a mighty smithy and the fighting spirit of the entire family. The folks, average country people such as one meets in any other farm country, are mighty proud of the part their city has played in international sports.

They bring you to the street where Bob first learned the blacksmith trade, point to a little camera shop now occupying what once was Fitzsimmons place of business; the alley adjoining where the horses were kept until ready to be shod; the little passageway, a short street now occupied with stores where Bob made his start at fist tossing, the anvil on which he worked, now owned by Joe Stewart, blacksmith to the Timaru Harbor Board and an old building where hangs the sign that was displayed outside the original Fitzsimmons' horse shoeing establishment, "J. Fitzsimmons, Veterinary Shoeing Forge."

It is not the professionals who hold the attention because there are too few of those in New Zealand. Jack Fitzsimmons, a nephew of Bob, was amateur middleweight champion of Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Jack's brother, Syd, was former heavyweight amateur and pro title holder of New Zealand.

Bob's great nephew, Wes Jack, who bears a striking resemblance to Ruby Robert, was the New Zealand amateur middleweight king in 1938 and now is a trainer in a Timaru Gymnasium and is associated with the Club Hotel.

Visiting the Fitzsimmons' clan was a delight. So much has been written about Bob and his birthplace, Elston, Cornwall, England and so little about his adopted city where he got his start as a blacksmith, worked during his boyhood years and learned the rudiments of the trade in which he later reached the top rung of the ladder, that if my visit to Timaru did nothing more than to put it back on the fistic map, I will be exceedingly delighted.

A niece of Bob has an autographed photo sent by him to his parents shortly after his arrival in the United States and from her, through Betsy McKenna, I received a number of photos dating back to Bob's youth.

About a year before my arrival, Bob's sister, Catherine, well in her eighties, passed away. Fitzsimmons was fond of her and when champion, he frequently wrote to his sister. As Mrs. Catherine Scott she resided in Dee St.

Talking about her, Wes Jack said: "Catherine was the last remaining member of the family that had emigrated to New Zealand. She was a frail, quietly spoken woman, who despite her age, possessed all her faculties. She recalled the family life of Bob and herself after the ship "Adamant" had brought them to New Zealand.

"She told us," said Jack, "that she, Bob, Jarrett and sisters Margaret and Elizabeth accompanied their father and mother from Helston where all were born, but the other six children didn't make the trip to New Zealand. The others were James, John, William, Arthur, Mary and Jane.

(In the next issue Nat Fleischer will continue the story of Bob Fitzsimmons' early life leading to his rise to fistic fame.)

## TV & BOXING

(*Continued from page 17*)

a figure of $286.88 for the round trip. It would have taken him eighteen hours one-way by plane, and there would have been other expenses involved, naturally.

For a long distance telephone call, he was quoted a figure $22.90, the charge for 45 minutes, plus $12 for line installation. As you can see, monetarily, it presented a big saving. Fenn's idea was to have a phone in Folley's corner and watch the fight on TV and give pointers and advice thataway.

This could present problems though. Such as dialing the wrong number, being cut off just when you are about to tell the fighter how to deliver the *coup-de-grace* and, of course, always the possibility that no one will answer the phone, which had the set-up been made, could have happened after Betha dropped Folley for an eight count in the seventh round. It would have been Al alone by the telephone.

However, the fates intervened to halt this historic first. Out Clifton, Ariz., way television is brought in by microwave and cabled to the home. Fenn had made all the arrangements but had to cancel them out at the last moment because there was five feet of snow on the mountain where the TV tower is located and the signal was knocked out.

Three hours before the fight the signal was restored and he did get to see Folley win a split decision over Bethea.

Confident that he could have helped and strong on the possibilities of using the telephone, Fenn promises himself that the next time Folley fights on TV we will have a hatful of dimes ready.

Fenn wrote us that after the fight as he sat in his comfortable chair he thanked his lucky stars that he didn't have to make that long trek home. Folley didn't know what he was missing, being out on a night like that!

## THE MAN FROM UTAH

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Salt Lake City although he never boxed in the ring. The eldest of four children, Gene has two brothers and a sister. Don is seventeen and a promising boxer, doing well as an amateur, who will probably grow into a heavyweight before he turns to the pro ranks. He fights as a carbon copy of Gene.

Then there's Jay, 19, who recently turned pro and fought on an undercard in Madison Square Garden. He's a lightweight and is a boxer-puncher who in boxing talk "sticks and moves." His married sister Mrs. Coleen Fullmer Tyson lives next door to Gene.

In the house that Fullmer built with his own hands lives Gene's wife, the former Dolores Holt of South Jordan, and their five month old daughter Kaye. The Fullmers were high school sweethearts and were married in Salt Lake on October 13, 1955.

While attending Jordan High school Gene was an all-around athlete, playing football, basketball and baseball plus which he developed into one of the best mile runners in the Inter-mountain district.

Why did Gene go into boxing instead of one of the other sports? He had this to say:

*"Basketball and football were too rough for me. I lost a tooth in basketball and almost ruined my knee in football but in boxing I've never been hurt. A few minor bruises, that's all."*

Fullmer started on his professional career on June 7, 1951, at Logan, Utah. He knocked out Glen Peck in one.

Between then and his induction into the U. S. Army in 1953 Gene notched seventeen wins, fourteen by knockouts.

Fullmer went to Camp Roberts, California, for basic training and while there served as a boxing coach. Gene saw service in Japan and in Korea with the 25th Division in an Ordnance Group. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

The Ring Magazine printed an article on Gene as a "New Face" showing promise and Teddy Brenner, then matchmaker of the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn, New York, decided to give Fullmer his chance. Gene was brought East with the promise that if he made good he would have five bouts guaranteed at the Brooklyn arena. Brenner also tagged Fullmer with the "Cyclone" nickname.

At this time Gene was undefeated in twenty-four contests but he had drawn little interest.

Fullmer successfully met Jackie LaBua in his Eastern and TV debut and then one week later defeated Peter Muller. This fight was the first in which a boxer had appeared as a headliner on TV boxing shows two weeks in succession.

Fullmer was well received by the television fans and in 1955 he continued on his way toward recognition with victories over Marcel Assire and Paul Pender, who was considered quite a prospect in his own right.

Jensen and Fullmer went back to Salt Lake where Gene chalked up an easy win over Goven Small.

### FIGHT WITH GIL TURNER GENE'S FIRST BIG SHOT

Then came a big chance for Fullmer. He was matched with Gil Turner, who had a crack at the welterweight title back in 1952 and was successfully campaigning as a middleweight.

Turner was the favorite. He had defeated Fullmer back in the amateurs in 1948. Fullmer went into this one with a record of 29 straight wins.

So Fullmer met Turner and lost his first professional fight. He also hit the deck for the first time in his career. A left hook to the head sent him down for the count of nine. In a return match Gene evened matters with Turner and then decisioned Del Flanagan.

Only twice more on his way to the championship was he to meet opponents capable of dropping him. Bobby Boyd defeated him and also was the next to drop him. Again a left hook caused Fullmer to take a mandatory eight count although there were those who insisted it was a push and slip and not a legitimate knockdown.

In his last fight in 1955 Gene lost to Eduardo Lausse, the hard hitting hooker from the Argentine. Again Fullmer walked into a fist that knocked him down, this for a five count. But the referee, Mark Conn, ruled it a slip and no knockdown.

Jensen and Fullmer went into training in the gym operated in Jensen's West Jordan home. What happened is anyone's guess but Marv said that he had taught Gene to punch and slip many of the punches that had been finding their mark before this.

Fullmer fought himself back into contention for middleweight honors in 1956 by taking on the best in his class and soundly beating them. He won five straight. Over Rocky Castellani, his second over Turner, Ralph "Tiger" Jones, Charley Humez, and Moses Ward. His victory over Jones was noteworthy. Jones was the only fighter to hold a win over Robinson in his comeback. Then to cap his surge toward the crown he defeated Humez, at that time the number one rated middleweight in the world. This clinched for Fullmer the right to meet Robinson.

Off his fight with Robinson Fullmer can be considered as an action fighter who is now big box office.


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Fullmer may not be a "class" fighter, he may lack a straight jab and other fancy accouterments of his trade but certain facts stand out. It's hard to bat against a guy who pitches as many as does Fullmer.

As we last saw Fullmer on his way back to his hero's welcome in West Jordan one item hit our eyes. A pin in his lapel denoting that the champ is a Mormon Seminary graduate in missionary study. Sunday will find the champ at his church, The Latter Day Saints.

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## LOUIS AND PATTERSON COMPARED

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championship back in 1934.

However great a fighter Patterson may become, no one expects him to have the impact on boxing and American life of a Joe Louis. Many sociologists claim that Joe Louis was the greatest influence for racial good will since the great Negro educator Booker T. Washington.

Joe Louis became as famous as any fighter can hope to be, but for all his great glory, Patterson—due to television—will eventually be seen in action by many more people than ever watched the old Brown Bomber.

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## A PROUD HERITAGE

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1951 when Randy Turpin registered his surprising upset of touring Ray Robinson in England, then lost the title back to Robinson in their return in New York. English Randy's reign was the shortest in middleweight history.

One thing must be said for the 160-pounders. There's hardly ever a dull moment with them.

# EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

THE Old Year wound up in fine style with Loi retaining his European title against the Spanish southpaw, Hernandez, and Johansson disposing with masterly ease of Peter Bates up in Sweden. In Germany, on the other hand, fans were given a black eye by the poor showing of Friedrich against the giant Cuban, Nino Valdes. Humez turned down a substantial offer to defend his European title in Denmark against Martin Hansen and thus another effort to revive professional boxing in Denmark became stillborn.

Ruellet upset undefeated Richard Bouchez in Belgium but a return bout should iron that out. One or two Hungarians have taken out licenses in France. Another reflection of the world's current political turmoil was witnessed by the fact that Nick Moos and Al Kramp, two Dutch boxers, arrived in Venice from Egypt with empty pockets. The Dutch consul paid their fares back to Holland. But now for news in detail.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** French invaders made hay of local opposition here in the three chief bouts at the Sports Palace. The most sensational was that of Louis Trochon, the Bull of the Camargue, who stopped Franco Festucci in the sixth frame of a middles encounter. Festucci was dropped by a crisp right in the second. He seemed a shadow of the fighter who recently fought Humez, retiring in the sixth with a cut eye after taking a great deal of unnecessary punishment.

Seraphin Ferrer debuted as a welter by tackling the hard-hitting but fragile Eritrean, Gheri Fretzghi, who took four counts in the first four heats but came back to rock Ferrer with a dangerous clout to the jaw during the sixth. The French battler stormed out in the following frame and threw a right which bounced Fretzghi on the deck for keeps, a classic knockout.

Chérif Hamia handed out a whale of a hiding to Ray Paini for ten rounds but the Italian succeeded in lasting the limit in this relentless feathers fray.

Another French representative, Moussa Saad, was too clever for aggressive Annibale Omodei but apparently the judges considered the crude attacks of the latter sufficed to warrant a draw after a good lightweight eight. Nedo Stampi outscored Remo Viarengo in a lightweight six.

▶ **Beausoleil,** France. Marius Guidi became the Provence flyweight champ by licking Camille Allasseux over ten rounds and Ahmed Medjen retained the Provence middles title by defeating Charles Graziani over ten. Charles Smedaldi halted Samson in the fourth frame of a feathers feud. At Bourges, Tony Garcia won over Arsenal in a lightie ten and at St. Malo, Brahim Kettani drew with André Cabelduc in a welter ten.

▶ **Paris.** It was a battle of islanders at the Palais des Sports when a Sardinian, Duilio Loi, tangled with a near-neighbor, the Corsican Felix Chiocca. It was the Italian's first visit to Paris and a few weeks previously he had licked Felix's brother, Sauveur. Feeling ran quite high in the hall and the irregular tactics of Loi further inflamed them. Loi had always been something of an amateur at fouling but on this occasion he had a fine assortment at Chiocca's disposal. The Italian regained the lead during the eighth but in the latter rounds, Chiocca fought with such desperate fury that the general opinion was in favor of a draw. But after ten rounds, Loi was proclaimed winner.

On the same bill, Sauveur Chiocca tried his luck for the second time against Valère Benedetto for the later's French welter title but once more, Benedetto's initiative and forcing outweighed the challenger's erratic bursts of aggression followed by periods of indolence. After fifteen rounds, Benedetto, age 30, found himself the winner and still champion.

Jo Ventaja, new feathers threat hailing from North Africa, scored his sixth straight win by knocking out Antonio Diaz of Spain in the third round while another Spaniard, Javier Ortiz, avenged his compatriot by stiffening Bachir Boukelfa in the opening round of a welter slam. Marcel Pigou gained the verdict over veteran Mickey Laurent in a middles eight.

▶ **Evreux,** France. The local middles star, Robert Guivarch, now to dispute with Lavoine the right to challenge Humez, ran into an awkward customer here in unknown Heinz Sattler, the German who has been recently campaigning in Spain. Guivarch had his work cut out in the earlier rounds to overcome the aggressive Teuton but floored him during the last round, which decided the bout in his favor.

Chapel was disqualified in the third round of his lightweight bout with Roger Guivarch.

At the Paris Central, Constant Alcantara was declared loser against Henri Barlet after a middles ten but a draw would have better reflected the trend. Ray Thunière iced Chalier in the fourth round of a feathers bout.

▶ **Bologna, Italy.** Uber Bacilieri returned to action with a points win over the Spanish heavies champ, José Gonzales, in ten rounds and Federico Friso was held to a draw by Eddy Polly Smith of Bermuda in a further heavies ten. Piero Rollo edged out a win over Dante Bini in a bantam eight and Sergio Burchi disposed of the Belgian cruiser, Maurice Demulder, in the opening frame.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland.** Sensation here when tough little Robert Tartari, who recently upset the new French bantam champ, Bini, swapped punches with the World Champion, Mario D'Agata. The Exhibition Palace was packed with a crowd of 4,500 and Tartari surely gave the fans their money's worth. D'Agata opened up in fine style but the French battler came back to win the third and fourth rounds. There was a collision of heads during the sixth which left Tartari with a gashed forehead which bled for the rest of the fight but this injury in no wise affected his fighting. The final rounds were hotly disputed without either man achieving any advantage and the ref's verdict of a draw brought loud cheers from the crowd.

The 27-year-old Tartari has in one month leaped from the ranks of trial-horses to the status of main-event fighter and a ring rating.

On the same card, Edouard Ptak, Franco-Polish lightie, drew with another Italian, Gaetano De Lucia, over ten rounds.

▶ **Munich, Germany.** At last, after three years inactivity, boxing came to life once more in the old capital of Bavaria. Headlining the program was Rudi Langer, who was several classes too good for the Austrian lightie, Karl Machart and knocked out the visitor in round three.

Karlheinz Guder, he of the kayo record, was surprisingly held to a draw by Ziyaris Taki of Turkey in a welter eight and Bobby Warmbrunn came through with a surprise knockout of huge Robert Bedrnik, Austria, in the opening round. The only Austrian victory was registered by Hugo Köhler, who stiffened Hans Fingerle in the third heat of a middle bout.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, Maurice Auzel gained an unpopular decision over Michel Lombardet after an interesting welter ten while in two bantam affairs, Abdoul licked Robert Lalmand over six and Meftah drew with Zarzi in eight.

André Valignat continued his march into the feathers ranks by licking southpaw Lucien Meraint over ten. At the Central, Claude Lapleige won over Bernard Cottet in a welter eight and at the Stadium, Maurice Grignon decisioned Ray Benard in a bantam eight. At **Lorient,** Gilbert Ussin drew with Henri Cabelduc in a welter ten and at **Blois,** Michel Adami bested Ceslaw Dudek in a middles ten. Victor Pepeder outscored Moustique Meslem at **St. Jean de Luz.**

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. Up-and-coming Tonio Sarmenteras won here over Angel Arias in a lightie eight while at **Malaga,** Juan Cisneros, tipped as a future title-contender, won over Emilio Orozco in a welter ten.

▶ **Laon, France.** Gilbert Lavoine looked good in stopping the American lightheavy, Dan Holloway, in five rounds here after handing the visitor a regular pounding.

At **Soissons,** Francois Kania decisioned Glauco Ottogalli, Italian cruiser, over eight rounds and at **Flers,** Jean Poisson won over Hamouda Bouraoui in a good middles ten.

▶ **Hamburg,** Germany. Spanish middleweights are a notoriously poor lot just now and this was amply demonstrated when two old faces turned up at the North Sea port to tangle with German stars, Peter Müller had no difficulty with swarthy Francesco Frances, whom he stopped in the sixth round while Max Resch was able to flatten Domingo Lopez in two heats. In a previous encounter, Lopez had earned a draw.

## CONTINENTAL RATINGS

MONTH ENDING JANUARY 20, 1956

| HEAVIES | CRUISERS | MIDDLES | WELTERS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Ingo Johansson (SW) | Gerhard Hecht (G) | Charles Humez (F) | Emilio Marconi (I) |
| 2. Hans Friedrich (G) | Hans Stretz (G) | Tiberio Mitri (I) | Giancarlo Garbelli (I) |
| 3. Franco Cavicchi (I) | Willi Hoepner (G) | Peter Muller (G) | Val Benedetto (F) |
| 4. Heinz Neuhaus (G) | Charles Colin (F) | Max Resch (G) | Sauveur Chiocca (F) |
| 5. Willi Besmanoff (G) | Wim Snoek (H) | Germinal Ballarin (F) | Idrissa Dione (F) |
| 6. Kurt Schiegl (A) | Artenio Calzavara (I) | Guido Mazzinghi (I) | Jacques Prigent (F) |
| 7. Uber Bacilieri (I) | Pedro Klyssen (H) | Leen Jansen (H) | Gunter Hase (G) |
| 8. Hans Kalbfell (G) | Sandro D'Ottavio (I) | Louis Trochon (F) | Ben Buker II (S) |
| 9. Antonio Crosia (I) | Erich Schoppner (G) | Franco Festucci (I) | Seraphin Ferrer (F) |
| 10. Robert Duquesne (F) | Ahmed Boulgroune (F) | Olle Bengtsson (SW) | Maurice Auzel (F) |

| LIGHTWEIGHTS | FEATHERS | BANTAMS | FLYWEIGHTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Duilio Loi (I) | Cherif Hamia (F) | Mario D'Agata (I) | Young Martin (S) |
| 2. Felix Chiocca (F) | Jean Sneyers (B) | Alphonse Halimi (F) | Aristide Pozzali (I) |
| 3. Bruno Visintin (I) | Rudi Langer (G) | Juan Cardenas (S) | Robert Pollazon (F) |
| 4. Hoacine Khalfi (F) | Sergio Capari (I) | Federico Scarponi (I) | Guy Schatt (F) |
| 5. Laouri Godih (F) | Manolo Garcia (S) | Piero Rollo (I) | Jose Ogazon (S) |
| 6. Fred Galiana (S) | Altidoro Polidori (I) | Pierre Cossemyns (B) | Henri Schmid (F) |
| 7. Jose Hernandez (S) | Aldo Pravisani (I) | Luis Romero (S) | Robert Mouginot (F) |
| 8. Piet V. Klaveren (H) | Andre Valignat (F) | Robert Tartari (F) | Pipo Dionisio (F) |
| 9. Mario Vecchiato (I) | Giord. Campari (I) | Dante Bini (F) | Emile Delplanque (B) |
| 10. Fernand Nollet (F) | Jean Renard (B) | Antonio Diaz (S) | Andre Gasperini (F) |

LEGEND:—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

▶ **Paris.** Alphonse Halimi had another of his bad days at the Salle Wagram, when confronted with André Younsi, who had a weight advantage of about four pounds. The North African bantam did his best to make a fight of it but Younsi used every trick of the game to spoil Halimi's efforts and in the ninth round the ref put a halt to Younsi's wrestling by disqualifying him.

Ahcene Attar won over Boudier in a lightie ten and Francois Anewy received his first setback in ages by losing narrowly to Marius Dori in a middles ten. At the Central, Ceslaw Matusack stopped Roger Atlan in the eighth round of a middles maul and Joseph N'Gan drew with Friand in a welter eight.

At **La Rochelle,** Jean Arville stopped Roman Dabrowski in the fifth of a welter affair and at **Bordeaux,** Jacques (Giacomo) Nervi moved up a slot by licking Claude Lapourielle in a good welter ten. Nervi is a good prospect.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. At last a visiting fighter has been given the decision over Bobby Ros. This lucky gent was Louis Carrara, something of a veteran yet still quite dangerous. The Frenchman was clearly ahead for the first seven rounds and Ros made his effort too late for the referee's decision to be influenced. Juan Cardenas, one of Europe's best bantams, was too good for tough little Henri Schmid and won well after ten rounds. Five thousand attended the Gran Price Stadium.

▶ **Paris.** At St. Germain, one of the suburbs, undefeated Serge Quali returned from military service in Algeria to register a claim on the French heavies title. Unknown Walter Lemm was brought from Germany to provide the opposition. Although the Teuton had only half-a-dozen bouts under his belt, he proved too tough and strong for the Frenchman, noticeably ring-rusty, and ran off with the decision after eight rounds.

At **Le Mans,** Tony Garcia was more lucky in preserving his unbeaten record and chalked up a win over Roland Goujon, who retired in the eighth round of their lightweight encounter. At **Nice,** Jack Strocchio returned to action with a points win over the Italian heavy, Ilario Suvilla, over eight rounds. Eugène Spagnol drew with Andrien in a welter eight.

▶ **Rome,** Italy. The ex-European champion, Franco Cavicchi, is surely a gent who loves to cut and come again. His record bristles with the same old names. Fanzlau he has met four times, Warmbrunn, Seelisch and others have lost to him three times. This time is was Robert Eugéne who had the honor of meeting Cavicchi for the third time. On both previous occasions the Belgian was defeated. This time he retired in the third round, which doesn't really prove much. On the same bill, Emilio Marconi stopped the Spanish welter, Javier Ortiz, in the eighth.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland. A crowd of 2,000 at the Sports Pavilion saw the rising French welter star, Pierre Mondino, trounce the Belgian champion, Pierre Wouters, over ten fast rounds.

▶ **Limoges,** France. A popular performer here is Jacques Prigent of Paris, who fought a terrific battle with strong Jean Forgues to win on points over ten rounds. Forgues was twice saved by the gong.

At **Montargis,** Jean Piniarski came through with a good victory over Umberto Paccagnella, who retired with cut eyes in the eighth round of their middles slam while at **Chalons,** Jacques Herbillon wasted no energy on the fragile German, Albert Möller, laying him among the daisies in 45 seconds of the second round of their welter collision. Addy Möller, no relation of Albert's but brother to Black Peter, avenged his colleague in fine style by checking Jean Allain in the third round of another welter discussion.

▶ **Paris.** At the Central, José-Maria Manrique was unlucky to lose the nod to Michel Touche in a lively lightweight debate over eight rounds and Estevan Martin stopped René Viola in the fourth heat of a flyweight scrap. Touboul got the decision over Jacques Krill in a lightie six.

At the Stadium, Rachid Tabti whipped promising Baldacchino in a middles eight and Serenus drew with Ceslaw Dudek in a middles six. At **Chateauroux,** Bachir Kettani drew with Marcel Guyon in a welter ten and at **St. Brieuc** Gaston Mathieu edged out Gilbert Ussin in a welter ten.

▶ **Modena, Italy.** Still no pushover is the Spanish heavyweight champ, José Gonzales, who upset the book here by stopping Giannino Luise in the seventh round while Gianni Zuddas, still on the comeback trial, larruped Ilario Tanelli in a good bantam eight.

▶ **Marseilles, France.** A scrapper who gets plenty of tough jobs and few credits is the Italian bantam, Letterio Petilli. He was willing to take on both Hamia and Halimi when

**Seraphin Ferrer, former French lightweight champion, debuted as a welter by tackling the hard-hitting Eritrean, Gheri Fretzghi, and halted him in the seventh round at Milan, Italy**

opponents were scarce for these two and went the distance both times. Now he tackled Gacieux Lamperti in his own balliwick and handed the nifty Marseilles fighter, admittedly three pounds lighter, a workmanlike beating over ten rounds. Giuseppe Marotto halted another Frenchman, lightweight Jean Dubois, who remained in his corner at the call for the fifth round while Tomissi stopped Zuccharo in the second heat of a lightie larrup.

At the **Paris** Central, Jean Poisson punched out a good win over Bernard Belli, who raised an arm in sign of defeat during the ninth round of their middles maul and Gardeux licked Bernard in a feathers eight.

▶ **La Spezia, Italy.** The hard-hitting southpaw, Nello Barbadoro, clouted too hard for André Younsi, now on the decline, and creased the French feather in the second round. In another feathers slam, Aldo Pravisani got the better of Andre Meraint over ten rounds.

▶ **Paris.** Usually the sacrificial goat, Stanis Pasek slung a spanner in the works when he met Michel Masson at the Stadium. In an all-out slugging bee the Franco-Pole battled his way to a draw with highly touted Masson over eight rounds.

At **Brest,** busy Gaston Mathieu was again in action, successfully defending his Breton welter title against Marcel Livet by winning over ten rounds. Pierre Sarkissian laced Daniel Bertron in a lightie ten.

At the **Paris** Central, Marcel Ranvial paid one of his rare visits to the capital and left his mark by stopping Ray Thunière in the sixth round of a feathers slam. Ceslaw Dudek won over Menue in a middles six.

▶ **Brussels,** Belgium. Just when Belgian boxing needed a shot in the arm (Monsieur Philippart is again on the ramp to get boxing forbidden here) two Belgian champs turned in poor performances. Undefeated Richard Bouchez can no longer claim that title as he came unstuck against stocky Jean Ruellet at the Stadium. The French fighter forged ahead after the third round, took advantage of Bouchez's damaged hand and made hay.

The bantam champ, Pierre Cossemyns, was stopped in the opening round by young Michel Lamora of France, who cut the Belgian's eyes badly. Alain Cherville was the only Belgian to score, winning cleanly over the big German, Werner Wiegand, in a heavyweight ten.

**Milan,** Italy. It was Boxing Day with a vengeance here when 15,000 fans stormed into the Temple of Swat (the Sports Palace) to watch an all-star program headed by Duilio Loi's title defense against the tough Spaniard, José Hernandez. As you will recall, the Catalan had already held Loi to a draw in a previous encounter and broke every rule in doing so. It was a needle fight but Loi used his champion's prerogative of awaiting the challenger's attack. The Spaniard was wary of mixing it on this occasion and in the eighth round the ref called for more action. Loi held his fire until the tenth, when he suddenly unleashed a fierce two-handed attack which completely overwhelmed the Spaniard. The champion kept the pressure on for the remaining four rounds, slamming Hernandez with hooks, uppercuts and short, damaging jabs which had the Catalan almost out on his feet. But he still refused to bow his knees and lasted the distance still standing. Loi was clear winner by a wide margin.

Visiting French stars of the Filippi stable were less impressive than on their last appearance. Seraphin Ferrer could only obtain a draw against Stefano Bellotti in a hard welter ten and Cherif Hamia was perhaps unlucky to get no more than a draw against Altidoro Polidori in a fast feathers ten which saw the Italian in very good form. Giordano Campari, certainly a feathers star of tomorrow, scored over Moussa Saad in a feathers eight and the Algerian lightie, Sarahoui, drew with Cavalieri over six.

▶ **Paris.** The opposition was rather easier than usual for Alphonse Halimi at the Salle Wagram and thus he was able to dispose of André Jasse in the sixth round of a bantam scrap. It is difficult for Halimi to find opponents.

Jo Ventaja is another battler who will soon be running out of opposition, from the looks of things. He scored a convincing win over the Belgian feather, Daniel Cobé, who retired in the seventh round after an extremely game resistance. Gabriel Assaga won easily over Lou Mourros in a middles eight.

▶ **Liege,** Belgium. Jean Rénard continued to operate in the feathers class, defeating Pierre Stanzack, Franco-Pole, over ten rounds here.

At **Cuesmes,** Edouard Roelandt got the better of Juan Oscar Alvarez in a feathers eight. At **Charleroi,** promising Hector Bizon was held to a draw by Lucien Rudel in a lightweight ten.

Daniel Cobé suffered a further defeat at **Courtrai,** when he was whipped by Jean Paternotte over eight rounds.

▶ **Herford,** Germany. Professional boxing here for the first time, but that noted hitter, Karlheinz Guder, seemed to have lost the knockout knack. Once again he was taken over the points route by a very modest operator, Gerhard Moll, who ceded the decision after eight rounds. Karlheinz Bick whipped Klaus Miska in a lightweight eight.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. AlbertoYanguas nodded Carmelo Beraza in a welter eight here.

▶ **Biarritz,** France. André Drille returned to action here after his defeat by Guivarch, trouncing Mickey Laurent on points over ten rounds.

At **St. Brieuc,** Max Brianto scored his third straight win by stopping huge Paul Sylva in three rounds. Brianto is already being touted for a title-bout with Mols.

▶ At the **Paris** Stadium, Jacques Krill drew with Yania Harzoune in a lightie eight and Medjek stopped Jean Gheerardyn in the fifth heat of a welter affair. At the **Paris** Central, Claude Richard won over Henryet in a lightie eight and Joseph N'Gan whipped Bernard Cottet in a welter eight.

▶ **Dortmund,** Germany. Although Nino Valdes may be considered a has-been in American circles, he is still far too good for any European. This was proved when he tackled Hans Friedrich, who clinched and clung on the Cuban for round after round. Valdes finally grew angry and cut loose with both hands, floored the German five times and finally Friedrich's corner slung in the towel in the sixth.

▶ **Gothenburg,** Sweden. A capacity crowd jammed the Mässhall here to watch Ingemar Johansson take on the British heavy, Peter Bates, who had previously stopped Hecht and gone the distance with Neuhaus. Against the powerful Swede, Bates had little chance. In the second round, Johansson nailed the Yorkshireman with a hard right which dropped him for "9" and half a minute later threw another right to the jaw which put Bates on ice for the count.

Albert Finch, who had been training with Johansson, gained a difficult points win over the tough French middle, Serge Leveque, in ten rounds and Olle Bengtsson proved that he is still to be reckoned with by edging Les Allen of England in a middle eight. Gunnar Nilsson punched too hard for Francois Kania, French cruiser, and rocked him to sleep in the fourth while lightweight Evert Högberg earned a draw with Bachir Kettani, of Algeria, over six rounds. Johansson is due to defend his European title against Richardson in February but plans for another warm-up bout have been shelved owing to scarcity of opponents.

The attention of boxing fans is drawn to the forthcoming publication of the CONTINENTAL BOXING GUIDE. This book, the first to be devoted solely to Continental affairs, contains the records of about 250 active Continentals, directory of managers' addresses, complete lists of champions past and present, history of boxing in Europe and other matters of interest to managers, matchmakers and fight fans. Price should be from three shillings to three and six. Watch this column for further news.

## QUIT OR RETIRE?

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another story, of course . . . and, again looking at the Bethea fight from Bygraves' vantage, no purpose would have been served by taking an added clobbering at the hands of a man already proven his superior.

Furthermore, the Bygraves interlude had come just one week after his middleweight stablemate, Pat McAteer, had fought Jerry Luedee in St. Nick's. McAteer was dropped in the second round by Luedee, a heavier man and a heavier hitter. But Pat was up and at him at the end of the automatic eight count. And, for the rest of the 10 rounder, McAteer boxed cleverly and punched purposefully to win a deserved unanimous decision.

Then there was the more binding example of Johnny Sullivan, another British middleweight, who spent part of 1955 and practically all of 1956 in this country. He fought 10 times here, winning some, losing some. Yet in every fight he demonstrated the pluckiness of a pit bulldog.

Going back a few years, there is further proof that the privilege of "retiring" in fights in England doesn't dim the determination of a natural gamester once he comes over here.

How about Tommy Farr? Against a young, high-riding Joe Louis, skeptics had said: "He won't get past the first round." Farr was there at the end of 15, blood-smeared, battered but ready for more. In four more fights in the U. S. Far never got to win one though he deserved the call over Jim Braddock. Tom never quit.

### JACKIE BERG, OF ENGLAND, WAS A NEVER-STOP GUY

Dip even further into the past and you encounter the histories of such as Jackie (Kid) Berg, the never-stop lightweight from Whitechapel, whose tough fights with Bruce Flowers and Tony Canzoneri clearly defined his measure as a man. Earlier yet you find the legend of Ted (Kid) Lewis, a wicked-punching welter, who trouped all over this nation with Jack Britton in their memorable marathon of over 20 fights, yielding not a jot in fortitude to Britton, a top workman and a worthy champion.

In modern times French fighters invading our shores repeatedly have disclosed a complete dedication to the job at hand, no matter how rugged the going. Naturally, the top illustration was that afforded by the late Marcel Cerdan in his title loss to Jake LaMotta.

The circumstances are well remembered. In the first round bully boy Jake wrestled Marcel to the canvas, causing him to land on his left shoulder. Almost immediately after Cerdan's arising, it was apparent that his left arm was crippled . . . he couldn't bring up the elbow to block, much less bring the arm around to punch.

In the rest period between the first and second rounds, Lew Burston, Cerdan's friend and second, tried to be diplomatic. "You know, Marcel," he said, "this isn't Europe but, if you're in trouble with that left arm, you can 'retire,' there'll be another time to fight."

Cerdan shot a glance of anger. "No, no," he fairly shouted, "you stop this and I'll kill myself!"

Pain-wracked but indomitable, he tried to carry the fight to LaMotta with his one good arm, his right. For five or six rounds, it looked as though he might get away with it. But the task was too much. By the end of the ninth round he was exhausted and, over his protests, it was stopped.

His remark, ". . . I'll kill myself," had a grisly epilogue. Four months later, en route here by plane for a postponed return with LaMotta, he met death in the Azores when the ship crashed into a mountainside.

In the wake of Cerdan, other French fighters journeying here included Robert Villemain, a stubby middleweight. For the first opponent, he drew Steve Belloise, then a drumfiring puncher with either hand. Belloise went to work on Villemain from the start, slashing open scar tissue over both eyes.

Within a few seconds, it was a bloodbath and Jean Bretonnel, in Villemain's corner, posed the question of halting it. Robert's reply was a switch on Cerdan's. He said: "You stop it and I'll kill you."

The manager didn't, needless to say. And, though Villemain wound up with 20-odd stitches and a unanimous defeat, he'd won the hearts of the American audience with his unflagging spirit. Pretty soon he won their respect as a fighter. Jobbed out of a decision against LaMotta, he ran all over Jake in a return.

### HUMEZ NEVER HAS QUIT IN TEN YEAR CAREER

Then, of course, you can't overlook that current French gamester, Charles Humez. He's close to a ten-year man, having turned pro in 1948 as a welterweight. In his entire career, nobody could have suggested he would resort to a retirement without being smacked down by conclusive evidence.

In 1953, when Randy Turpin was a favorite to win the middleweight title, they met in a gruelling 15 rounder in London. Turpin spent the entire route battering Humez bloody but Charles was still resolutely plodding forward in the last round.

Some time in the future—and not too distant a date, it is hoped—boxing fans will shed their leaning to national stereotypes. In that happy day a fighter will be recognized for what he is as a competitor. And European custom, however strange to us, will be accepted for what it means in its own setting, rather than as a signet of the sissy.

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Leo Birnbaum thought DeMarco had overcome Ortega's early lead and voted for him, 6-4, in rounds, but he was outnumbered by both referee Mark Conn, and judge Joe Agnello, both of whom called the fight even in rounds, 4-4-2 and 5-5, but tabbed for Ortega in points, 7-5 and 6-5. It was a bruising brawl all the way, with chunky DeMarco, after that near-disastrous first round, looking much sharper and hitting more accurately than in his previous meeting with Ortega. Several times Tony had the Mexican in trouble but let him escape. Ortega relied upon speed, a snappy left jab and an effective right counter. The Mexican also was the better in the infighting. In the semi-final Rudy Gwin, 145, Cleveland, dealt such a cruel lacing to Jimmy Fisher, 148½, Philadelphia, that the latter, after finishing on his feet, had to be carried from the ring and rushed to St. Clare's Hospital.

▶'Twas the night before Christmas, and knockouts were scattered all over the premises of the St. Nicholas Arena. In the windup, a "comeback" campaign by the once-dangerous Ernie Durando, 163, Bayonne, reached a sudden and complete finish when the ageing veteran was blasted out by up-and-coming Angelo DeFendis, 166, Brooklyn, in less than one round. The actual time was 2:37, and in that brief spell Durando was down twice. Never a speed merchant, Ernie was slower than ever. He was an open target for DeFendis' right, and it didn't take Angelo long to discover it. After his first trip to the canvas, Durando rallied for a few moments to drive DeFendis into the ropes, but Angelo dropped him again and this time Durando failed to beat the count. The quick finish of the main event was in keeping with the rest of the card. Only two of the preliminaries went their scheduled routes, Ray Dittrich, 172½, Maspeth, outpointing Jerry Holman, 171, Brooklyn, in six, and Marvin Hickman, 135¾, Long Island City, winning from Roland Blackman, 136, East Side, in four. Two sixes produced last-round endings, Stefan Redl, 143, Paterson, polishing off Jesse Watson, 141, Brooklyn, at 0:24, and Joey Mazon, 125, West Side, halting Primo Arellano, 130¼, Brooklyn at 1:54. In fours, Luis Velez, 148, Brooklyn, stopped Andre Savage, 143½, Montreal, at 1:08 of the second; Hiram Vale, 153, Brooklyn, eliminated Paul Verrios, 149, Bronx, at 1:39 of the second, and Joey Augustin, 127¼, West Side, finished Hector Tores, 125, Puerto Rico, at 1:15 of the second.

▶What figured to be little more than a brisk holiday workout for Carlos Ortiz, 135¼, East Side, turned out to be a lively ten topping the New Year's Eve punching party at St. Nicholas Arena. Unbeaten Ortiz, in posting his 18th straight win as a pro, had to overcome a first-round knockdown and battle his hardest all the way to take a decision from a less gifted but stubborn Gale Kerwin, 139, Valley Stream. It was Kerwin's first main event and TV appearance hereabouts, and the youthful Long Islander made a fine showing. The bout was hardly two minutes old when he nailed Ortiz with a left hook and Carlos hit the canvas for the first time in his brief but fast-rising career. The East Sider seemed more surprised than hurt. Up at two, he took the mandatory eight, then settled down to a serious business. Carlos was too shifty a boxer and too fast a puncher for Kerwin, but the latter fought back doggedly all the way. Eddie Thompson, 158, Cincinnati, whipped Albert Broaster, (Frankie Kid Anselm, Jr.), 161, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Roger Harvey, 142¾, West Side, drew with Peter Schmidt, 142½, Yorkville, and Ernie Cab, 200, Valley Stream, needed only 2:13 of one round to dispose of Chubby Norris, 202, Philadelphia. In fours, Rudy Corney, 159½ Brooklyn, whipped a borough rival, Dave Staton, 160½.

▶The first capacity crowd to sit in on a boxing card in Madison Square Garden in nearly three and a half years was well entertained not only by a title-changing main event between middleweights Gene Fullmer and Ray Robinson, but by a lively, well-balanced supporting card. Matchmaker Billy Brown and his assistant, Jack Barrett, couldn't have done a better job of pairing the preliminary boys. They were all so evenly matched not one bout ended in a knockout, and with every match, in-

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## FULLMER REACHES GOAL!

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opponents but Fullmer refused to be stymied.

In the ninth a right to the heart and two whistling left hooks to the jaw started Ray's rally. They came with such suddenness they took Gene by surprise and he quickly backed away. Every punch Ray landed was of the explosive type. They failed to bring a quiver from the challenger.

Gene brought the blood from a deep cut over Robbie's left eyebrow in the fourteenth. It flowed freely over Ray's face and chest and this seemed to infuriate the losing champ.

Referee Goldstein whose officiating was so severly criticized by Robinson's handlers, though without reason, except perhaps because he permitted their man to hold, scored the fight 8 rounds for Gene, five for Robbie and two even.

Judge Frank Forbes tallied it ten to five for Gene and Judge Harold Barnes, nine to six for Fullmer. These three, the finest judges in the East, were well supported by the press and the television spectators. Less than a handful of writers at the ringside gave Ray the honors. My score card showed Fullmer ahead, nine to five with one round even.

For the first time in half a century of ring reporting, I saw the ropes snap from the posts during a fight. It happened in the sixth round when both boxers fell to the canvas after Gene had Ray against the ropes and was battering his body. Both tightly grasped the lower strand as Ray was falling and Gene had tripped, each holding the other with one hand and the rope with the other. The bout was resumed half a minute after the next round's bell had sounded but the lower rope broke loose from the buckle again in the eleventh and the bout was continued with only two strands thereafter.

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## THE PATTERSON STORY

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ander Hamilton High School.

Of his older brothers—the family includes nine sons and two daughters—who taught him to box, though he showed no real inclination along that line until he was fourteen. Of brother Willie, now 26, who fought as a pro for ten years until a detached retina compelled him to quit the ring. And brother Frank, who won a Golden Gloves light heavyweight title and beat Tommy Jackson as an amateur.

How he wandered into the Gramercy Gym on the lower eastside in Manhattan to watch his brothers train. And of Cus D'Amato, his manager to this day, who ran the gym and was eager in his invitations to neighborhood kids and would-be hoodlums to come along and learn and sport and, in that way, steered many a youngster from criminal haunts and habits to amateur and pro fighting and, if not a more lucrative life, at least a more decent one.

Just how much effect D'Amato has and will have on Patterson's life no one will ever know. To what end young Floyd would have wound himself, without the influence of the silver-haired Cus, is anyone's guess, but the law of averages certainly were not in Floyd's favor. Nor were they in favor of a lot of other boys, who did not reach the heights and headlines of Patterson but were better men for their association with D'Amato.

As to D'Amato and Frank Lavelle, who trained him with meticulous care, so also some of the credit must go to Pete Mello, veteran Golden Gloves and Olympic coach, who devoted much time to the development of Patterson.

Patterson, in all, had 44 amateur fights, winning 40 of them, 37 by knockouts. He boxed as a welterweight and then a middleweight, winning nine amateur titles, including the Olympic 165-pound championship at Helsinki in 1952.

Upon his return from the Olympic Games, D'Amato decided it was time to turn Patterson professional, though Floyd had much to learn. Patterson in three years had advanced himself to the pinnacle of the simon-pures. But now it no longer was to be a boy's game. Entering the professional ranks he was going to come up against all types of fighters, intent on battering his brains out in an attempt to bring down the Olympic idol and enhance their own earning power.

Patterson was a clever, shifty boxer whose punching power was not to be taken lightly, though it was untried against the pros. Faults he had, an abundance of them, and nothing seemed to help, even the instruction of Dan Florio, one of the top trainers who had handled many champions. Slowly but surely, bout after bout, he worked hard on his ring shortcomings. Slowly but surely they faded.

While his ability was in evidence, there were those who attempted to discredit his every performance: D'Amato was building him up on a bunch of stiffs; Jacques Royer-Crecy, a journeyman French middleweight of limited ability, had dropped him; Patterson's "gazelle punch" (his spectacular leaping right hand lead) would look better being thrown by a washerwoman.

All these and more were the barbs tossed at Patterson and D'Amato as they slowly wound their way upward, disdaining the rush and pressure, confident that what each of the detractors asked for was perfection and knowing that Patterson at the time was far from it.

In truth, before the fight with Tommy Jackson, Patterson had never met a rated heavyweight, unless it was on one of his infrequent visits to the offices of the I.B.C.

It wasn't until 1956 that Patterson turned his eyes toward the heavyweight title, with the retirement of Rocky Marciano. For the first time, in the July 1956 issue of The Ring, Patterson was rated among the heavyweights. He was placed No. 4 then. Following his defeat of Tommy Jackson in a twelve rounder on June 8, in the August issue he was moved up to No. 2, below Archie Moore.

Actually, then, it was in only one fight that he prepared his way for the world heavyweight championship, against Jackson, and despite winning, he came out a bigger question mark than ever. During the bout the metacarpal bone in his right hand was fractured and when, if ever, he could successfully fight again remained in doubt until the fifth round of his bout with Archie Moore when Patterson concluded the discussion and put away Moore and all the doubts, the deadpanned and modest yearling becoming the youngest ever to win the world heavyweight title and accomplishing it against, probably, the oldest man ever to fight for the championship.

This then is the culmination of seven years of dreaming, planning, praying and just plain hard work and hard fighting, for Patterson and D'Amato.

This then is the story of Floyd Patterson. Just turned twenty-two last January 4, we have a feeling that it also is just the beginning of the Patterson story.


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## DID CARNERA KO SHARKEY WITH PHANTOM PUNCH?

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*the ropes to nail him with that right uppercut.*

*"Early in that round Primo almost shoved Sharkey through the ropes, and then wrestled him to the mat on another occasion with the Bostonian making no effort to ward off Primo.*

*"It looked like the real McCoy while it lasted, though I can't say just how badly Sharkey was injured by the punch that felled him."*

### SHARKEY, THE AUTHOR, WROTE SALUTE TO PRIMO

The "New York Mirror," then as now very enterprising, had signed Sharkey as an "author."

Sharkey was oddly complacent about the result, which had taken from him a title rich in financial possibilities.

Sharkey the reporter said, *"I salute Primo Carnera, new heavyweight champion. I have no excuses to offer for my defeat.*

*"I was beaten by a stronger man than myself, and one who has improved 100 percent since I conquered him in Brooklyn almost two years ago.*

*"A short right uppercut to the jaw was the punch that sent me down for the count. It was left and right hand smashes to the body, delivered just befor the righthand sock to the jaw, that did the real damage.*

*"The first right buried deep in my stomach took much of my strength away. I was open to be leveled by Carnera's short righthand sock.*

*"I thought I was outboxing the Italian when his body blows caught up with me. I had him floundering at times, when I nailed him with five or six hard right smashes to the jaw.*

*"Carnera took my heaviest punches exceptionally well. He stood up under them like a real ring king. At times he grinned as I scored with hefty blows.*

*"The fellow can take more punishment than anybody I have ever battled.*

*"The most important improvement in Carnera was his defense. He displayed excellent judgment and ability in blocking my left hook for the jaw.*

*"It was a left hook to the jaw which enabled me to drop Carnera in our first bout. The giant had built up a defense against this smash."*

In the New York American, the great Damon Runyon allowed himself to become over-ecstatic over Carnera, whom he pronounced the *"most formidable piece of pugilistic machinery that has been produced since the days of the gigantic Jess Willard.*

*"He (Carnera) may lack fistic finesse, but who is going to beat him?"*

Runyon's question was answered within a year by Baer, who himself was no Dempsey or Louis.

To Sharkey went the unwanted distinction of being the first world heavyweight champion to lose the title in his first defense.

For the defense, let us present the comment of Paul Gallico in the "New York News." He wrote: *"While Sharkey was ahead on points going into the fatal round, the knockout was forecast in the opening round when Sharkey twice was staggered with left hooks to the head, counter punches that he whipped in when Sharkey missed drives to the head. They sent Sharkey spinning across the ring."*

After Sharkey's defeat, Johnny Buckley, his manager, announced that he wanted a return fight.

He explained that Sharkey had given the Italian a title chance after having beaten him, and that it was only fair for the new champion to give Sharkey a return fight. It never came off.

On October 22, 1933, when Carnera made his first defense of the title, he met not Sharkey, who ordinarily would have been his opponent, but Paolino Uzcudun, whom he beat on points in 15 rounds in Rome, in a fight which is not found among the ring classics of the ages.

On June 14, 1934, in his third defense, Carnera was knocked out by Baer in eleven. Max weighed 209½, Carnera 263¾. Baer was a 7 to 5 favorite. The fight drew nearly $500,000.

As for Sharkey, who had shed tears over his defeat by Carnera—well, Jack just fell apart.

Sharkey announced his retirement, at age 34.


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cluding the main event, going its full distance, the customers were treated to a total of forty-one rounds of assorted milling. The semi-final, listed for six but reduced to four because of out-of-town TV commitments, ended in a draw between Rinzy Nocero, 161, Brooklyn, and Fernando Spallotta, 161, Italy. It was a typical Pier 6 brawl, with science conspicuously missing but amply replaced by lusty swinging and roughhouse mauling. Herman Hinton, 139, Philadelphia, out-slugging Jackie Hayden, 138, Halifax, Canada, in six, while in fours Julius Rhodes, 142½, Philadelphia, won from Felix Machado, 145½, Cuba; Burke Emery, 166½, Sherbrooke, Canada, outslugged Mickey McGrath, 174, Bridgeport, Conn.; Lee Owens, 156¾, Syracuse, N. Y., whipped Al Avant, 153, Philadelphia, and Edgar Perkins, 128, Harlem, had the better of Bobby Jackson, 127, New Orleans.

▶ Substituting for Paddy DeMarco, laboring under a weight handicap of 5¼ pounds, and a 13-to-5 underdog in the speculation, Bobby Courchesne, 134¾, Holyoke, Mass., accounted for a real upset at St. Nicholas Arena by hustling his way to a split decision over Johnny Busso, 140, Brooklyn in a free-punching ten that bristled throughout with fast exchanges. It was Courchesne's persistent aggressiveness that decided the issue by a slim one-point margin. The judges disagreed, Artie Aidala tabbing for Courchesne and Bert Grant for Busso, and Referee Teddy Martin, after voting the affair even in rounds, gave Courchesne a 6-5 edge in points. Both boys were well bruised during the brawl. Busso suffered gashes on the scalp and under his left eye, while Courchesne bled intermittently from the nose, was nicked on the left eye and had his right eye practically closed at the finish. Stefan Redl, 144½, Paterson, N. J., halted Ruby Burns, 139, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., with only 18 seconds remaining in the semi-final six. Mickey Crawford, 150, Detroit, outpointed Yvon Turenne, 153¾, Montreal, in another six. In fours, Jay Roach, 142, Long Island City, decisioned Mike Castro, 143½, Brooklyn; Walter Jones, 173¼, East Side, trumped Ace Freeman, 170, Brooklyn, and Louis Velez, 148, Puerto Rico, kayoed Whitey Poor, 147, Kings Point, at 0:40 of the second.

▶ For a supposedly smart ring technician, Bob Baker, 214, Pittsburgh, was a sucker for his opponent's right-hand leads and was clouted with enough of them to lose a unanimous decision to young Harold Carter, 191, Linden, N. J., in an uneventful ten in Madison Square Garden. Carter was too young and industrious for the phlegmatic, lumbering Pittsburgh veteran, who looked as though he was merely going through the motions. It was the laziest, most indifferent performance the lazy, indifferent has ever turned in. Slow and ponderous, Baker was outboxed at long range and outpunched in close, and only the fact that Carter desn't pack a real knockout punch probably saved Bob from more decisive defeat. It was a drab affair, marred by too much clinching and mauling. In sixes, Mike DeJohn, 197½, Syracuse, outpunched Jack Jacobs, 195½, Newark; Tony Gagliardo, 191½, Brooklyn, won from Johnny Yorck, 207, Norristown, Pa., and Lenny Kanthal, 198¼, Washington, had the better of Johnny Hoye, 191½, Boston. In fours, Joe Figuero, 139¾, Bronx, whipped Jackie Castellani, 138, Scranton, and Fred McArthur, 149½, Brooklyn, accounted for the only knockout of the night by stopping a fellow-Brooklynite, George Haynes, 145, at 2:36 of the second.

▶ Bucking one of the worst nights of the winter, with a blinding snowstorm, zero temperature and hazardous road conditions, the Westchester County Center in White Plains was lucky to draw nearly 400 intrepid customers with its third non-TV card of the season. Fortunately for Promoter Al Goodwill, it was an inexpensive show and his financial loss couldn't have been too heavy. Matchmaker Moe Fleischer did a good job of pairing the entries in the six bouts. Only one bout ended in a knockout, and the five scraps that went their scheduled routes produced some lively action. In the main six, Itzy Wallach, 147½, East Side, made good use of a left hand to outpoint Paulie Griffin, 149½, Brooklyn. In another six, Bernie Raines, 144½, Stamford, Conn., outfought Benny Washington, 146½, Brooklyn. A third six uncovered the only abbreviated affair of the night, Rudy Williams, 175½, Mount Vernon, scoring three knockdowns before stopping Eddie Henderson, 166, Jersey City, in the third. In fours, Tommy Nethercott, 134, Port Chester, was held to a draw by Roland Kellems, 129, Brooklyn; Marvin Hickman, 143, Long Island City, decisioned Ralph Jorge, 140, Puerto Rico, and Dick Devito, 133½, Bronx, won from Freddie Vasquez, 136, Brooklyn.

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# SOUTH OF THE BORDER

## Borden Boxing News
### By L. Borrado Sanchez

**TERRAZA "JUARES" MUSQUIZ COAH**—Fito Torres, 135, koed Tony Lares, 133, in the third. Chago Rios, 118, and Rogelio Perches, 116, drew in six. Pajarito Gerra, 120, out pointed Indio Valdes, 122, in four. Chico Jimenes, 110, halted Kid Guanajuato, 112, in the 3rd. Baby Landeros, 118, TKO Kid Chocolate, 117, in round 3.

▶Musquiz Coah Jesse Acosta, 146, kayoed Pokarito Cepeda, 148, in five. Jesse Pinales, 117, wipped Tino Ayala, 118, after six. Pajarito Gerra, 119, kayoed Indio Valdes, 122, in the fourth. Baby Landeros, 118, drew with Kid Chocolate, 119, in four.

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## LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
### By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

**ARENA ZARAGOZA, Matamoros:** — **Jorge** Valverde, 116, gained a clean 10-round decision from tough veteran Humberto "Estudiante" Olmos, 120. Kid Tabaco, 141, bested Ray Mejía, 137, also in ten.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreón:—Alfonso Flores, 148, using a sharp left hook convincingly outpointed Kid Juárez, 147, after ten well-fought rounds. Flores put his foe on the canvas in the tenth. Ramón Cervantes, 119, knocked out Roberto "Baby" Rodríguez, 127, in five rounds.

▶TAMPICO:—Everardo Armenta, 144, the pride of Sonora, got a 10-round draw with Juan "Bombín" Padilla, 145, National Welterweight Champion. Really, this result was a triumph for newcomer Armenta, because Padilla is a native of Tampico.

▶ACAPULCO:—Angel Guerrero, 125, decisioned Emilio de la Rosa, 126, in ten rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Manuel Armenteros, 121, Cuban, stopped Babe Zárate, 123, in six rounds. Fidel Hernández, 144, KO'd Tommy Beltrán, 147, in the fifth.

▶REYNOSA:—Raúl Leaños, 117, bested David Rodríguez, 119, in ten.

▶GUADALAJARA: — Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 116, put Nacho Escalante, 117, to sleep in six rounds. Herrera used to be the National Flyweight Champ.

▶GUADALAJARA:—José Luis Mora, 117, iced Torito Jiménez, 116, in four. Augustín "Chilango" Rosales, 149, kayoed Gato Morales, 147, in the first round.

▶MAZATLAN:—Diamante Negro (José Luis López), 150, defeated veteran Memo Garmendia, 148, in ten. Monito Hernández, 117, also decisioned Manny Linson, 116, in ten

▶GUADALAJARA: — Victor Torres, 151, stopped Augustín "Chilango" Rosales, 149, in two rounds. Heliodoro Hernández, 118, stopped Manny Linson, 116, in the fifth.

▶MONTERREY:—Jess Bogart, 144, got the 10-round duke over Luciano González, 140.

▶ACAPULCO:—Ramón González, 124, outpointed Kid Campeche, 123, in ten. Ray Ruiz, 117, decisioned Chiqui Rosales, 115, also in a tenner.

▶MONTERREY:—Jess Bogart, 140, was too heavy for Beto Carbajal, 133, and got the 10-round triumph.

▶TAPACHULA: — Percy Lightburn, 118, British Honduras, knocked out Eddie Brown, 120, Guatemala C. A., in only two rounds. The match was arbitrated by famous Raúl "Ratón" Macías. In the scheduled 10-round semi, Rayo del Sur, 149, embalmed veteran Facundo Góngora, 154, in the third.

▶GUAYMAS:—José "Toluco" López, 121, National Bantamweight Champion, put Baby Saucedo, 123, to sleep in two rounds.

▶MAZATLAN:—Rudy Coronado, 118, kayoed Tony Alamillo, 117, in six.

▶ACAPULCO:—Joe Medel, 117, nailed Mike García, 119, in only two rounds. It seems that this Medel Mexico City boy will go places.

▶NEUVO LAREDO:—Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 128, smashed Sherman Liggins, 127, in two rounds.

▶TAPACHULA:—Rayo del Sur, 149, iced Tuzo Jiménez, 148, in the eighth.

▶MONTERREY:—Chucho Mejía, 132, surprised by getting the 10-round duke over flashy Felipe Sosa, 128.

▶MEXICALI: — Frankie Campos, 119, whipped Beto Couary, 121, in ten rounds. Frankie was too much man for the Veracruz veteran.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Reyes López, 130, stopped Joe Tinoco, 129, in eight rounds. Zurdo Espinosa, 124, decisioned Schmeling Tapatio, 124, in twelve. Both matches were a Championship couple, so López is now the Lightweight Champ and Espinosa the Feather King around the Guadalajara territory.

▶MEXICALI:—Pimi Barajas, 118, stopped Kid San Martin, 119, in five.

▶CHIHUAHUA:—Jorge Castro, National Middleweight Champ, 160, nailed Sacramento Benitez, 159, in only three rounds. Baby Concer, 143, only needed one round to put Nicho Bianco to sleep.

▶TAPACHULA:—Rayo del Sur, 148, stopped Eduardo Lozano, 147, in three rounds. Mario Alonso Ochoa, 145, won by disqualification over Jesús Moreno, 148, in the third round.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Percy Lightburn, 117, British Honduras and kid brother of famous Ludwig Lightburn, scored his first valuable triumph in Mexico territory. The Belize boy only needed but four rounds to put Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 116, to sleep.

## RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
### By Selsso Tiborro

**DAVID CERVANTES, 145, STOPPED PINKY PERALTA,** 144, in 6 furious rounds. Joaquin Carrillo, 123, stopped Roberto Ortega, 128, in 3. Jorge Salazar, 118, outpointed Vicente Salmeron, 119, in 8. Zorrito Ramirez, 136, stopped Berñabe Meza, 133, in 1. Jose Trejo, 124, outpointed Antonio Barragan, 129, in 4.

German Ohm, 117, high ranking bantamweight, outpointed Carlos Cardoso, 118, in 10. It was Cardoso's first defeat as a pro in 28 fights. Ernesto Castañeda, 118, outpointed Ricardo Manzanillo, 118, in 10. Tony Alamillo, 125, stopped Gabriel Navarro, 127, in 1. Eloy Sanchez, 118, decisioned Roberto Mar, 118, in 6. David Becerril, 132, outpointed Maurilio Moreno, 133, in 4.

Manuel Armenteros, 119, decisioned Manuel Jimenez, 119, in 10. Valentin Rangel, 134, decisioned Coca Kid, 136, in 10. Tono Coria, 125, stopped Juanito Ramirez, 129, in 2. Chango Samaniego, 119, outpointed Juan Alcantara, 115, in 6. Abel Medina, 118, and Servando Hernandez, 116, drew in 4.

Victor Manuel Quijano, 125, defeated Moi Torres, 125, in 12, a match which was for the national feather title. Quijano is the new king. Luis Gutierrez, 122, outpointed Enrique "Mofles" de la Cruz, 125, in 10. Joe Vazquez, 142, stopped Cirilo Aguirre, 145, in 5. Lalo Contreras, 126, stopped Carlos Ayala, 126, in 2. Chatito Alvarez, 136, defeated Delfino Caudillo, 131, in 3, by disqualification.

Memo Sanchez, 119, knocked out Baby Ruiz, 117, in 9. Lalo Camarena, 126, outpointed Memo Baltazares, 119, in 10. Luis Buendia, 134, decisioned Carlos Loyola, 130, in 8. Vicente Leonardo, 133, outpointed Zorrito Ramirez, 134, in 6. Jose Trejo, 123, decisioned Jose Vega, 126, in 4.

Arnoldo Gil, 135, stopped Beto Carbajal, 135, in 7. David Rodríguez, 120, stopped Aurelio Rivero, 125, in 8. Chebo Vazquez, 125, decisioned Tony Alamillo, 125, in 8. Tacho Serrano, 130, decisioned Jose Gutierrez, 131, in 6. Cachorro Meza, 132, stopped David Becerril, 133, in 2.

## BOXING IN YUCATAN
### By Eduardo Amer G

▶VICTOR MANUAL QUIJANO, featherweight king of Yucatan, became the new champion of Mexico, when he scored a clear cut points win over Moi Torres, after 12 rounds. He is the third Yucatan champ. Julio Cesar Jiménez and Raúl Solís were the first ones.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC — Felipe "Babalú" Novelo, 128, bested Cuban Floro Hita, 133, in eight.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: Pantera de Champotón (Salvadore Beberaje), 133, won a split decision from César "Borracho" Morales, 129, of Yucatán, in ten rounds: Neon Kid, 130, TKO'd Luis Trujeque, 128, in four; Panchito Estrella, 113, beat Baby Varela, 114, in six.

▶CIUDAD HIDALGO, MICH.: Julio César Jiménez, 145, who has been fighting since 1939, kayoed Salvador García, 146, in four.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC.: Yuyín Trejo, 129, bested Carlos Miranda, 129, in 8 rounds; Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sánchez, 116, decisioned Luis Miranda, 115, also in eight.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: Neón Kid, 130, whipped Carlos "Lincoln" Tamayo, 132, in 8; Cubanito González, 117, stopped Urbano Velázquez, 118, in the sixth round.

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## *Boxing in Juarez*
## *By Manuel Prieto*

**JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM:** Chebo Hernandez, 158½, Juarez won by unanimous decision over Harvey Taylor, 166, Los Angeles. The fight was a terrific brawl all the way. Chebo floored Taylor in the fifth, but could not finish his heavier opponent.

Ramon Rodriguez, 127, Juarez, won by decision over Alfonso Mendoza, 123¾, Juarez, 6.

Pedro Rodriguez, 134¼, Torreon, won by K.O. in the sixth over Francisco Santillan, 134, Juarez.

Jesus Estrada, 130½, Juarez, and Pedro Perez, Caseta, 131, draw in four rounds.

Henry Gutierrez, Deming, N. M., 133½, kayoed Rogelio Cortez, 133, Juarez, 3.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Rogelio Diaz de Leon, 125½, San Luis Potosi, won easily over experienced Roy Hernandez, 126½, Mexico City.

Ray Terrazas, 144½, El Paso, won decision over Arturo Lopez, 143, Chihuahua City in six rounds.

Reyes Castañon, 121¾, Chihuahua City, looked very good licking Rodrigo Dueñas, 124, Torreon in six.

Mem Leaños, 128, Torreon, won over Enrique Morales, 126½, El Paso in four. Daniel Olivarez, 122, Juarez, won decision over Sergio Farias, 119, Mexico City.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Chebo Hernandez, 159, Juarez, won the most important fight of his career, winning by unanimous decision over Neal Rivers, 156½, Las Vegas, middleweight champion of California and seventh ranking in the World according to The Ring Magazine.

Chebo outfought and outboxed his opponent. His win was clear and the 4,000 fans were on their feet at the end of the fight. Chebo looked terrific, strong and with class to be among the best in the world.

Eduardo Santos, 123½, Juarez, won decision over Ramon Rodriguez, 126, Juarez.

Salvador Fierro, 129, Juarez, won decision over Jesus Estrada, 131½, Juarez, in four. Jesus Lopez, 136, Juarez, had too many guns for young Henry Gutierrez, 134½, Deming, winning by decision in four. Felipe Uribe, 129, Los Angeles, won decision over Rogelio Cortes, 131, Juarez in four.

▶Chebo Hernandez was named "Fighter of the Year in the Border" and his fight with Neal Rivers was tabbed the best by the newspaper men from Juarez and El Paso. The best preliminary boy of the year was Ray Terrazas from El Paso, and Rogelio Diaz de Leon, last year winner of that award, was named this year the most improved fighter.

## IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
## *By Don Hamill*

**HOLYOKE—VALLEY ARENA—BARRY ALLISON, NEW ENGLAND MIDDLEWEIGHT** Champion, and the sectional lightweight king. Bobby Courchesne, easily eliminated their opponents in the co-feature ten rounders that headlined the final show of the year in Holyoke, one of the few weekly clubs still in operation. Allison, 150, Chicopee Falls, annihilated a resurrected Ben (Preacher) Jones, 150¾, Brooklyn, in four rounds.

Courchesne, 137, Holyoke, stopped an inept Stoney Gaudette, 142, Middletown, Conn., in the third heat. A couple of light lefts to the head were enough to give James Monts, 165, Hartford, a one round knockout over Rocky Vigliano, 161, Northampton. In each of his three fights Vigliano has failed to last one round. Willie Rice, 172, Great Barrington, won a split decision over Roy Belsito, 170¾, Worcester, in the four round opener to avenge for a split duke loss of a month ago.

▶BOSTON—Mechanics Building—Walter Byars, 145, Roxbury, New England welterweight crown bearer, scored an upset ten round decision over former world's title holder, Kid Gavilan, 148, Cuba. Byars went into the ring prepared to make the most of his opportunity. He staved off most of Gavilan's early round rushes and then proceeded to outbox and outpunch the Cuban Keed. The decision was split but the general consensus was that Byars was the rightful winner.

Nifty boxing Paul Pender, 160¼, Brookline, took a ten round decision over Jimmy Skinner, 163¾, Brooklyn, in the co-feature. Pender had been out of the ring for some time but, although rusty in spots, displayed much of his oldtime form. Pat McCarthy, 126, Roxbury, won a six round decision over Ray McNeil, 126, New York, in a pleasing bout. Billy Priest, 156, Cambridge, whipped Kenny Smith, 150, New York, in four rounds. In the opener, Jim Thornton, 176, Boston, was halted in the first round by Rudy Williams, 174, Brooklyn.

▶PORTLAND—Exposition Building—Harold Johnson, 179, one-time top ranking light-heavyweight from Philadelphia, returned to the ring for the first time since the famous Poison Orange episode, to win a handy ten round decision over Bert Whitehurst, 191, Baltimore. For four rounds the boys fought at fairly even terms with Whitehurst doing his best work in close. Johnson used a right uppercut in close and a fast left jab to pile up points from then on. In the seventh the Baltimorian was hurt by a 1-2 combination but managed to rally before the round ended. The pair slugged it out for the final two rounds.

Aime Morin, 133, Lewiston, racked up a second round TKO win over Jackie Lerner, 128, Boston, in the eight round semi-final. It was the unbeaten Morin's seventh straight win. Jackson Brown, 154, New York, captured a six round decision over Billy Andrews, 151, Boston. Mickey White, 148, Boston, halted Al Pepin, 147, Lewiston, in the fifth of another sixer. Red Boucher, 133, Lewiston, belted out Paul Cook, 129, in the second round of the four round opener.

▶BOSTON ARENA—Veteran Cuban lightweight, Orlando Zulueta, joined the upset parade by outboxing and frustrating top-ranking lightweight contender, Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn. Zulueta proved to be an elusive target as Larry vainly tried to land a kayo punch. The Cuban's educated left hand was much in evidence as he piled up points. Boardman went all out in the final round to land the big one without success. The decision was split with Referee Jimmy McCarron voting a draw.

Gene Butler, 139½, Roxbury, was trailing on points when he was awarded a TKO over Steve Ward, 141, Hartford, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten round bout. Ward had been cut over both eyes, the left in the second round and the right eye in the fourth. Billy Lynch, 148, Hartford, showed Bostonians that Kid Gavilan knew what he was doing when he ran out on him by knocking out Ted Murray, 153, New York, in the sixth round of another ten rounder. Pat McCarthy, 126, Roxbury, continued his unbeaten skein by again whipping Ray McNeil, 127½, New York, in a six rounder. Prince Johnson, 128¼, Chicago, won over Paul Lee, 133, Hartford, in the opener of four heats.

## FROM THE PHILIPPINES
## *By Felipe J. C. Galang*

**AL ASUCNION, 117, KAYOED PETER KEENAN,** 118, of England in the 9th of a scheduled 10 round main event at the coliseum. It was but 14 seconds of the 9th when Peter was met with a right that landed solidly at the point of his chin. The knockout was so swift that many around the ringside had doubted which punch did the trick. This was the shortest knockout record in the lighter division of Philippine boxing history.

Keenan was leading by a wide margin until the fatal ninth. His punches of left and right had still packed with dynamite. Masakasn Otsuka, 120 of Japan proved to be the master of Jackie Trillana, 123, of Manila in 10 rounds. The Filipino was at the mercy of the Japanese in the last 3 rounds. Only the toughness of Yrillana saved himself from the canvas. Ross Padilla, 120 taught Frisco Concepcion, 124 a neat boxing lesson in 10 rounds. In the 1st, Frisco caught Padilla with a left to the jaw sending him to the floor for the mandatory 8 count. But from that time on Ross hit his rival with everything except the ring posts. Army Wonder Boy, 125, defeated Clever Tony, 125, in 8 rounds. James Hardman, 118, was the master of Cris Miranda, 121 in the full 8 rounds. James proved too shifty and clever for his slow opponent. Ernesto Porto, 134, and Javellana Kid, 138, drew in 6 rounds. Young Aquino, 115, kayoed Joe Cruz, 115, in the 5th round of the scheduled 6 round curtain raiser.

▶Paulito Escarlan, 125, and Vic Fuentes, 125, were thrown out of the ring in the 7th round of a scheduled 10 round main event at Grace Park stadium by referee Johnny Laconico. The crowd had been booing and hissing Fuentes for not mixing up with his rival. In the 5th the people began to leave the stadium and shouting in disgust. After repeated warning from the referee and Fuentes was still backing up, the referee left them and declared it to be a no contest fight. Baby Ross, 114 halted Rocky Paredes, 111 in the 5th round. This was a slugging affair from the 1st but the body punches of Ross had taken the toll out of the southpaw slugger. A left to the stomach sent Paredes to the floor to be counted out.

Vic Campo, 111, defeated the much favored Little Dommy, 112, in 8 rounds. Memo Diaz, 122, and Cagayan Boy, 124 drew in 6. Kid Basas, 113, decisioned Spur Cola Kid, 115, in 6. Nestor Checa, 113, defeated Dixie Logan, 104, in another 6 rounder. Bert Jalandoni, 123, lost Baby Alcapone, 127, in 6. Al Reyes, 114 beat 7-Up Flash, 121, in 6. Speedy

▶Pete Espera, a bantam fighter from Barcelona, Sorsogan died after a knockout from Danny Rodenas, 118 of Manila in the 6th round. Espera never regained consciousness until he expired at the Provincial hospital of Sorsogon province. Dr. Terencio Amador, hospital physician, said that Espera died due to cerebral hemorrhage. Pete and Danny were the supporting main event of the Billy Andy Valdez and Cris Miranda bantam title of Sorsogon. Valedez won the title. The GAB is still investigating case. Espera was 29 and is survived by his wife and six children.

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## GERMAN BOXING DIARY
### *By J. A. Tree*

**BOXING IN GERMANY WOUND UP FOR THE YEAR WITH** the knockout of Hans Friedrich of Dortmund by Nino Valdes of Cuba in the sixth round at the Westfallenhalle of Dortmund. The fight was a dull one. The towel was tossed into the ring after Friederich had been dropped for the sixth time. The crowd of 10,000 booed the poor display by the German.

Referee Berend Bergstroem of Holland repeatedly warned the German for holding.

In the fifth round Friedrich went down from a body blow for eight. Then a left and right to the face put him on the canvas again. He took another count just before the bell rang.

In round six a right to the body downed him, head over heels and when he got up his seconds hurled the towel into the ring.

It was the 46th show of the year and the twentieth promoted by Joachim Gottert during 1956.

DIETER SCHWINGEL (Dortmund) was stopped in three rounds by GERHARD RODE (Ludenschied). (Heavyweights)

ALBERT DUSCHA (HERNE) shared points with HEINZ LEMM (Gevelsberg) over six rounds. (Heavyweights)

ALFRED SCHWEER (Bochum) won points 6 over WILLI QUATUOR (Dortmund). (Feathers)

Munich—KOHLER (Austria) stopped FINGERLE (Munich) in 3. BOBBY WARMBRUNN (Munich) heavy, won over ROBERT BEDRNICK (Austria) by a knockout in the first round.

Feather champion, RUDI LANGER (Berlin) stopped KARL MARCHART (Austria) in one.

KARLHEINZ GUDER (Hagen) who has lost one of 15 pro contests, shared points with middle ZIYARIS TAKI (Turkey) OVER EIGHT ROUNDS.

HANS HAFNER (Munich) making a comeback at the age of 31 years, shared points with HERBERT SOWA (Essen) in 6.

Hamburg—MAX RESCH (Hamburg) middle prospect, was in a fighting mood and KO'ed DOMINGO LOPEZ (Spain) in two rounds. Last time he met the Spaniard, he was fortunate to receive half the points.

PETER MUELLER (Cologne) who had won the middle title only seven days previous, KO'ed FRANCESCO FRANCES (Spain) in two heats.

HELMUT MISTOL (Hamburg) remains undefeated in six professional bouts. He KO'ed WISCHEWSKI (Bremen) in two heats.

HANSWERNER WOHLERS (Hamburg) middle, won his 14th pro fight without a defeat, outscoring VIKTORIANO OLIVARES (Spain) over six rounds.

ERICH SCHOPPNER (Witten) cruiser, remains undefeated in ten bouts with a decision in 6 over UWE JANSSEN (Hamburg).

JOACHIM GOTTERT was the promoter. The show was at the Ernst Merck Halle and 6000 were in attendance.

HERFORD—HERFORD had its first programme of professional bout since the last war with Karl Heinz Guder and Gerhard Moll, Braunschweig, featured in an eight rounder, Guder winning on points though he was dropped in round four. He has now had eighteen bouts and lost only one.

Lightweight champion, KARLHEINZ BICK (Dortmund) outscored KLAUS MISKA (Essen) in 8 rounds.

HERBERT SOODMANN (Essen) middle, won in 6 over HERBERT SOWA (Essen).

ROLF PETERS (Dortmund) amateur middle champion in 1956, won his first professional bout with a KO victory over HEINZ NEUMANN (Duisburg) in the second round.

DON ELLIS (USA) beat ALBERT WESTPHAL (Hamburg) in a six round heavy contest.

▶ France—HEINZ LEMM (Gevelsberg) won on points in 10 over SERGE QUILA (France).

▶ France—ALBERT MUELLER (Dusseldorf) was stopped in the second by HERBILLON (France).

ADDY MUELLER (Cologne) stopped JEAN ALLEIN (France) in the third round.

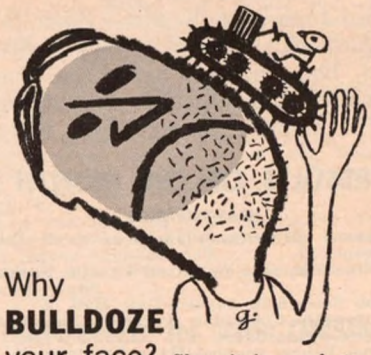
## CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
### *By Sal Giacobbe*

**NEW HAVEN ARENA — PROMOTER GEORGE ADAMS** ran his hard luck streak to four in a row. Game guy this Adams, comes up with good shows, but no patrons. This latest show featured Connecticut's own Chico Vejar. Vejar's opponent for the 10 round feature attraction, Phil Rizzo of Brooklyn, made it a very interesting evening for the handful of fans. Starting fast and keeping up a strong pace, Rizzo kept Vejar on the go for the whole 10 rounds. It was a good hard fight, with Vejar's experience and ringmanship, being his margin of victory. Referee Billy Taylor awarded 6 rounds to Vejar, 2 to Rizzo and called 2 even. Vejar's weight 152½, Rizzo 162.

In the semi-final, in what looked like a real donnybrook, Willie Eaton, 152, New Haven, leading going into the third round, with his scheduled six round bout with Rudy Sawyer, 146, formerly of Chicago, now from N. Y., sustained a broken jaw and was declared a 3rd round TKO victim. In another scheduled 6 rounder, Grant Campbell, 143½, White Plains, disposed of Amos Vincent, 146, N. Y. C., in two rounds. In a four, Bennie Borden, 156, New Britain, KO'd Sonny Fuller, 154, N. Y. C., in two rounds. In another four, Frankie Roche, 140, Bristol and Bernie Raines, 143, Stamford fought to a stand-out draw.

## DOWN ARIZONA WAY
### *By Al Fenn*

**BOXING WAS AT A STANDSTILL THROUGHOUT THE STATE** the past month, except for the amateurs who are tuning for Golden Gloves. One Arizonan appeared on National TV from Cleveland.

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upped from sixth to fifth. Bindi Jack of Australia and Frankie Jones of Scotland, both inactive, have been eliminated from the international rankings

The month's leading results follow:

## RESULTS OF THE MONTH

### HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson bested Julio Mederos, 10.

Willie Pastrano outboxed Charlie Norkus, 10.

Bob Satterfield kayoed Dale Hall, 5.

European Champion Ingemar Johansson stopped Peter Bates, .

Nino Valdes stopped Hans Friedrich, 6.

Zora Folley repeated against Wayne Bethea, 10. Alain Cherville whipped Werner Wiegand, 10. Franco Cavicchi stopped Robert Eugene, 3.

Soloman McTier whipped Ollie Wilson, 8. Ernie Cab kayoed Chubby Norris, 1. Jackie Torney kayoed Dave Ford, 2. Kid Crocket kayoed Roland Randall, 1.

Frank Williams won from Johnny Harper, 6. Len Kanthal kayoed Chuck Welton, 2, and Randy Brevard, 3. Johnny Freeman beat Alvis Perkins, 6.

Harold Carter easily outscored Bob Baker, 10. Jeff Dyer spoiled American debut of South African Giant Ewart Potgieter by outpointing him, 10. Italian Champion Uber Bacilieri decisioned Jose Gonzales, 10. Mike DeJohn won from Jack Jacobs, 6. Billy Hunter beat Moses Graham, 6. Tony Gagliardo defeated Johnny York, 6.

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Clarence Hinnant stopped Richard Kelly, 6.

Eddie DeMars kayoed Ted Doncaster, 12.

Spanish champion Jesus Gonzales stopped Giannino Luise, 7. Don Ellis outpointed Albert Westphal, 6.

Angelo DeFendis kayoed middleweight Ednie Durando, 1. Jim Persey kayoed Julio Carreras, 8. Alvin Williams kayoed Freddie Thompson, 4.

Harvey Taylor lost to middleweight Chebo Hernandez, 10, but beat Charlie Black, 6. Gunnar Nilsson polished off Francois Kania, 5.

Uwe Janssen drew with Erich Schoppner, 6. George Jarosch won from Joe Chibe, 6. Ray Dittrich beat Jerry Holman, 6.

Johnny Riggins kayoed Walt Bedell, 3. Andy Domebo kayoed Al Jackson, 4.

Monroe Ratliff won over Frank Haynes, 6. Leroy Green edged out Jimmy Smith, 6. Sonny Ray beat Jesse Bawdry, 6.

Danny Kramer kayoed Bobby Harris, 4. Sonny Hett whipped Richard Montanez, 6. Jimmy Monts beat Roy Belsito, 6.

Ruben Hernandez kayoed Johnny Heard, 6. Charlie Black won from Harvey Taylor, 6. Eloy Vann kayoed Joe Harris, 4, and beat Frankie Farr, 6. Farr won over Chico Garcia, 5.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Gene Fullmer became world champion by outpointing Ray Robinson, 15.

Ellsworth (Spider) Web halted British Empire Champion Pat McAteer, 2.

Chebo Hernandez defeated Harvey Taylor, 10, upset Neal Rivers, 10, and kayoed Leonard Duncan, 2.

Franz Szuzina defeated Curtis Bruce, 10. Olle Bengtsson edged out Les Allen, 8.

Chico Vejar stopped Al Andrews, 7. Jean Ruellet halted Belgian Champion Richard Bouchez, 7.

Italo Scortichini decisioned Wilf Greaves, 10. Richard Kelly was stopped by light heavyweight Clarence Hinnant, 6.

Mexican titleholder Jorge Castro kayoed Sacramento Benitez, 3. Gabriel Assaga whipped Louis Mourros, 10. Ernie Durando was kayoed by light heavyweight Angelo DeFendis, 1. Andre Drille trounced Mickey Laurent, 10.

Sherman Williams won from Bob Gordon, 8. Calvin Davis outscored Bob Provizzi, 8. Chester Miezala beat Pat Walsh, 8. Andy Mayfield beat Gomeo Brennan, 8.

Eddie Thompson beat Frankie (Kid) Anslem, 6. Jackson Brown bested Billy Andrews, 6. Charley Glover kayoed Billy Tuck, 4.

Chuck Craig won over Leffie Walker, 6. Hank Casey beat Ray King, 6.

Dick D'Orsi kayoed Rusty Davis, 1. Al Lortez whipped Louis Andrade, 6.

Gordon McDougan and Joe Davis drew, 6. Danny Stone won from Otto Smith, 6.

Ralph (Tiger) Jones won easily over Hardy Smallwood, 10. Del Flanagan outpointed Jim Hegerle, 10. Jimmy Martinez edged out Clarence Cook, 10. Chico Vejar edged out Bob Provizzi, 10. Rocky Caballero defeated Carlos Martinez, 10. Carlos also lost to Norris Burse, 10.

### WELTERWEIGHTS

Gasper Ortega outslugged Tony DeMarco, 10.

Virgil Akins outboxed Sammy Walker, 10. Ramon Fuentes outscored Kid Gavilan, 10. Charley (Tombstone) Smith outscored Al Williams, 10.

British champion Peter Waterman retained his title by stopping Frank Johnson, 10. Kid Fichique kayoed Jose Ramon Flores, 3.

Gil Turner stopped Jimmy Morris, 6. Martiniano Pereyra won South American title by kayoing Paulo deJesus, 3. Jacques Herbillon disposed of Albert Muller, 2.

Seraphin Ferrer held to draw by Stefano Bellotti, 10. European Champion Emilio Marconi stopped Javier Ortiz, 8. Everardo Armenta fought to a draw with Juan Padilla, 10. Henri Cabelduc drew with Brhim Kettani and Gilbert Ussin, and decisioned Morlay Kamara, all 10s.

Dave Cervantes stopped Pinky Peralta, 6. Earl Dennis kayoed Don Mason, 4.

Julio Cesar Jimenez kayoed Salvador Garcia, 4. Billy Lynch halted Ted Murray, 6. Dick Goldstein won from Danny Cardenas, 8. Willie Dillon outshcored Jake Josato, 8.

Alfonso Flores bested Kid Juarez, 10. Jose Luis Lopez beat Memo Garmendia, 10. Baby Colon won from Rolando Rodriguez, 10.

Fidel Hernandez stopped Tommy Beltran, 5. Mario Ochoa won on a disqualification over Jesus Moreno, 3. Al Moretti beat Willie Epps, 10. Rayo del Sur kayoed Facundo Gongora, 3. Tuzo Jimenez, 8, and Eduardo Lozano, 3.

Jimmy Peters halted John L. Perry, 6, and beat Willie Johnson, 8. Willie kayoed Gordon Van Loo, 5. Van Loo won from Bobby Freeman, 8. Agustin Rosales kayoed Gato Morales, 1, but was kayoed by Victor Torres, 2. Lyle Mackin kayoed Jimmy McCoy, 4.

Rudy Gwin bested Jimmy Fisher, 6. Ernie Williams beat Henry Hickman, 6. Ruddell Stitch won over Primus Williams, 6.

Baby Concer kayoed Nilco Blanco, 1. Ray Terrazes won over Arturo Lopez, 6.

Mickey Crawford won over Yvon Turenne, 6. Joe Vasquez halted Cirilo Aguirre, 5.

Stefan Reel kayoed Jesse Watson, 6, and Ruby Burns, 6. Don Farmer whipped DeWitt Lewis, 6. DeWitt also lost to Dargin McWoorter, 6. Danny Russo won from Tony Sansone, 6.

George Sullivan beat Ken Gordon, 6. Mickey White kayoed Al Pepin, 5. Roger Harvey and Peter Schmidt drew, 6.

Vince Martinez stopped Pedro Antonio Jiminez, 6. Garnett (Sugar) Hart kayoed Gene Johns, 6. Scottish Champion Jimmy Croll held to draw by Leo Maloney, 8. Danny Russo beat Al Dixon, 6. Wes Lowery beat Eddie James, 6. Peter Schmidt defeated Roger Harvey, 6. Seraphin Ferrer trounced Hoacine Khalfi, 10.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS

European titleholder Duilio Loi defended his crown by outpointing Jose Hernandez, 15.

Orlando Zulueta upset Larry Boardman, 10.

Mexican champion Baby Vasquez halted Paolo Rosi, 7.

Dave Gallardo stopped Leo Alonzo, 5.

Tommy Romulo halted Carlos Chavez, 3. Bobby Courchesne won over Johnny Busso, 10.

Don Jordan outscored Archie Whitewater, 10. Giordano Campari won from Saad Moussa, 8. Bobby Rogers stopped Andy Arel, 10.

Carlos Ortiz scored over Gale Kerwin, 10. Tommy Tibbs stopped Manny Castro, 10. Kid Centella kayoed Art Ramponi, 5.

Glen Flanagan decisioned Bobby Bickle, 10. Tato Menendez scored over Rafael LaStre, 10.

Rudy Jordan beat Mickey Northrup, 10. Arnoldo Gil kayoed Beto Carbajal, 7. Chucko Mejia upset Felipe Sosa, 10. Jesse Bogart defeated Beto Carbajal, 10, and Luciano Gonzalez, 10.

Valentin Rangel whipped Coca Kid, 10. Luis Buendia defeated Carlos Loyola, 8. Ray Portilla defeated Ray Estepa, 8.

Zorrito Ramirez kayoed Bernabe Meza, 1, but lost to Vicente Leonardo, 6. Gene Butler stopped Steve Ward, 5. Pantera de Champoton beat Cesar Morales, 10. Charley Douglas edged out Harold Smith, 6.

Aime Morin kayoed Jack Lerner, 2. Luke Easter upset Joe Boy Charles, 6.

Billy (Spider) Kelly decisioned Syd Greb, 8. Harry Bell beat Iggy Maldonado, 6. Terry Lloyd kayoed Marvin Smith, 4.

Johnny Melendez beat Harvey Charles, 6. Paddy Graham edged out Boswell St. Louis, 8. Nunu Randle and Manuel Baptista drew, 6.

Norm Johnson whipped Eddie Perkins, 6. Neon Kid defeated Carlos Tamayo and stopped Luis Trujeque, 4.

Al Estrada kayoed Chico Modesto, 4. Sammy McCarthy won from Johnny Mann, 10. Herman Hinton won from Jackie Hayden, 6. Pedro Rodriguez kayoed Francisco Santillan, 6.

Leo Agbulos stopped Sammy Taylor, 2. Marvin Marcus halted Frank Elias, 5. Andy Carmona and Dave Midel drew, 6.

Arthur Persley beat Willie Stevenson, 8. Earl Dennis kayoed Stan Fitzgerald, 5.

### FEATHERWEIGHTS

French Champion Cherif Hamia held to draw by Altidoro Polidori, 10, also captured European crown from Jean Sneyers.

Angel Guerrero defeated Emilio de la Rosa, 10. Victor Manuel Quijano won Mexican title by beating Moi Torres, 12.

Panama champion Isidro Martinez upset Ike Chestnut, 10. Orlando Castillo outscored Joe Gilchrist, 10.

Martin Rodriguez edged out Dave Walden, 10. Unbeaten Jimmy Brown posted 19th straight win by decisioning Jimmy Black, 10. Lalo Camarena decisioned Memo Baltazares, 10. Jimmy Moser whipped Vince Delgardo, 10. Ray DeLeon decisioned Roy Hernandez, 10.

Pete Kawala beat Jimmy DeMura, 6. Jesus Santamaria whipped Byron Cumberbach, 10. Luis Gutierrez won over Enrique de la Cruz, 10. Jean Renard whipped Pierre Stanzack, 10. Joaquin Carillo stopped Roberto Otega, 3. Edouard Roelandt decisioned Juan (Oscar) Alvarez, 8.

Tono Coria kayoed Juanito Ramirez, 2. Ramon Gonzalez beat Kid Campeche, 10. Letterio Petilli won from Gracieux Lamperti, 10.

Herman Duncan stopped Dwight Hawkins, 6. Hawkins kayoed Leo Carter, 1. Yuyin Trejo won over Carlos Miranda, 8. Rudi Langer disposed of Karl Marchart, 1.

Pat McCarthy defeated Ray McNeil, 6. David Rodriguez won over Aurelio Rivero, 8. Felipe Novelo beat Floro Hita, 8.

Tony Alamillo stopped Gabriel Navarro, 1, but lost to Chebo Vazquez, 8. Zurdo Espinosa beat Schmeling Tapatio, 12. Daniel Cobe was stopped by Jo Ventaja, 7, and outpointed by Jean Paternotte, 8.

Lalo Contreras halted Carlos Ayala, 2. Ray McNeil stopped George Wells, 6. Joey Mazon stopped Primo Arelliano, 6.

Reyes Castanon bested Rodrigo Duenas, 6. Ramon Rodriguez whipped Alfonso Mendoza, 6, but lost to Eduardo Santos, 6.

Tito Marshall beat Enrique Perea, 6. Roberto Murillo defeated Black Bill, 6. Walt Ingram beat Tony Christy, 6.

Tommy Tibbs defeated Lauro Salas, 10. Gil Cadilli outboxed Miguel Berrios, 10. Rudy Garcia outscored Bobby Bell, 10. Rudy Valdez won from Israel Garcia, 6. Pat McCarthy defeated Leroy Jones, 8. Ray McNeil scored over Merrill Olmstead, 6.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS

Leo Espinosa decisioned Saburo Otaki, 12.

Alphonse Halimi disposed of Andre Jasse, 6.

French champion Dante Bini upset Tanny Campo, 10.

German Ohm handed Carlos Cardoso his first loss in 28 starts, 10.

Jose Lopez kayoed Baby Saucedo, 2. Pimi Barajas kayoed Kid San Martin, 5. Manuel Armenteros scored over Manuel Jimenez, 10. Jimenez then upset flyweight Oscar Suarez, 10. Armenteros kayoed Babe Zarate, 6. Ernesto Castaneda outscored Ricardo Manzanillo, 10.

Joe Medel kayoed Mike Garcia, 2. Gianni Zuddas whipped Ilario Tanelli, 8. Rudy Coronado kayoed Tony Alamillo, 6.

Memo Sanchez kayoed Baby Ruiz, 9. Frankie Campos whipped Beto Couary, 10.

Raul Leonas won from David Rodriguez, 10. Cubanito Gonzalez stopped Ubrano Velazquez, 6. Michael Lamora kayoed Belgian Champion Pierre Cossemyns, 1. Memo Baltazares lost to featherweight Lalo Camarena, 10. Jose Luis Mora stopped Torito Jimenez, 4.

Jorge Salazar won from Vicente Salmeron, 8. Jorge Herrera kayoed Nacho Escalante, 6, but was stopped in 4 by Percy Lightburn. Percy also kayoed Eddie Brown, 2.

Ross Padilla outboxed Frisco Concepcion, 10. Jorge Valverde beat Humberto Olmos, 10.

Zurdo Sanchez beat Luis Miranda, 8. Ramon Cervantes kayoed Roberto Rodriguez, 5.

Eloy Sanchez whipped Roberto Mar, 6. Monito Hernandez defeated Manny Linson, Manny also was kayoed by Helidoro Hernandez in 5.

Billy Peacock was held to a draw by Larry Bataan, 10. Ken McCurry kayoed Maurice Treadway, 5.

### FLYWEIGHTS

Pone Kingpetch won Orient title by outpointing Danny Kid, 12.

Oscar Suarez lost to bantamweight Manuel Jimenez, 10.

Panchito Estrella beat Baby Varela, 6.

Jimmy Abeyta stopped bantamweight Tony Ganados, 9.

## IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
### *By Lenny Myers*

▶At the Chicago Stadium, Pat McAteer, British Empire middleweight champion didn't last very long in his bout with Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, local ranking contender. Webb scored a two round knockout over his rival after 2:32 of the second round. McAteer was down twice in the first round and again twice in the second, after which Referee Bill Doty halted the fight. The Britisher, boasting a record of 42 wins in 44 bouts, all in Europe, was no match for the fast punching former NCAA middleweight champion.

Only 1,086 ringsiders saw the one-sided contest which was televised nationally. Gross gate $976.53.

In the prelims, Pete Kawala, 130, Chicago, beat Jimmy DeMurra, Philadelphia, in six. Bobby Rogers, 133, Chicago, stopped Andy Ariel, 134, in the ninth of a scheduled ten. Kid Chocolate, 143, Chicago, got a break when he opened up an old cut and was declared the winner over Jerry Mortell, 142, Chicago, in the third round. Mortell was ahead before the injury. Sonny Ray, 175, Chicago, outpointed Jesse Bowdry, 173, St. Louis, in a spirited six round event. Art Glass, 153, Dayton, Ohio, won a four from Tommy Maddox, 148, Chicago.

Nessie Blumenthal, veteran boxing manager and manager of Mid-West Gym gave a Christmas party at the Gym for the managers and trainers. With the Gym all dressed up with a beautiful white tree with all the trimmings, everyone attending enjoyed a most wonderful time. Several out of town fighters were present and the outing made them all feel very much at home. Congrats to good old Nessie for his thoughtfullness. . . .

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## MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
### *By Jack Waina*

**MAKING HIS FIRST HOMETOWN APPEARANCE IN WELL OVER A YEAR,** the once fabulous Pat "Spunky" Lowry, 149½, Toledo, succumbed to defeat at the hands of Al "Sugar" Wilson, 150¾, veteran New York campaigner, in the feature ten rounder of promoter Al St. John's second venture at the Sports Arena.

Lowry allowed himself to be outhustled by his older opponent and although the decision favoring Wilson was split, there was no doubt as to who won.

Forrest Foster's slick punching protege Johnny Riggins, 177, Detroit, closed out the old year on the win trail by KO'ing an outclassed Walt Bedell, 168, Cleveland, at 2:10 of the third. Riggins went to work early in the round after receiving a nasty cut over his left optic and put Bedell out on his back with a series of vicious punches.

Chuck Craig, of Monroe, and Marty Simmon's Leffie Walker, of Saginaw, met for the third time with Craig making it two straight and a draw as the pair put on another interesting six round slug-fest.

Nick "Lucky" Malik was Johnny on the spot when a break in the card occurred and his fighter Johnny Powell, former Detroit golden glove champion, was ready. Powell, 145, went ahead and stopped Sonny Modeiros, 144, Cleveland, in the third with a series of solid left hooks, for his second straight KO.

In a pair of fours, Franklin Flaggs, 147, Toledo, decisioned Lupe Soto, 145, Monroe, and J. C. Williams, 176½, Toledo, halted Joe Williams, 176½, Saginaw, in 1:00 of the second.

▶Amateur boxing was doomed here and all appearances indicated that the vast metropolis of Detroit would be without a Golden Gloves tournament. That is until Julius Piazza and the Detroit Amateur Association got together with the Sports Guild.

The CYO had decided to drop the tourney this year due to lagging interest. But when the Sports Guild took over the sponsorship and announced that with the cooperation of Piazza and the Amateur Managers' Association, the tournament would be held and televised, entries soared to a record high. The final of the gloves will be held at the State Fairgrounds without TV. Also, entries were accepted from Canada for the first time.

▶PROMOTIONAL PROSPECTS. . . . Sid Goldberg, Toledo promoter, plans to return to the helm again. Goldberg would like to make a Johnny Summerlin versus Harold Johnson go, if not will settle for Vince Martinez on top. . . . The recently scheduled Duke Harris-Johnny Cunningham match for the Motor City Arena had to be cancelled due to last minute complications.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES. . . . With "56" passe, Manager Forrest Foster and his fighter Johnny Riggins must be considered for some special recognition for their tireless efforts to get bouts. Riggins, a good looking young lightheavy prospect has had eight during the past year all on the road.

Art Greenwald, who recently purchased the contract of Mickey Crawford, clever Saginaw welterweight, has moved "Mick" into a couple of shots in New York since.

Harold "Baby Face" Jones has officially retired from the ring and is doing well in the trucking business. In his career that started back in 1946, Jones won 60 bouts, lost 25 and drew in 7, against some of the best light and welterweights in the world. . . .

During the past year, 1956, there were only sixteen professional shows held in Michigan, ten-across the river in Windsor, Ontario, and two in nearby Toledo, Ohio, for an all time pre-war low here.

Of these twenty-eight shows, eight were studio TV-bouts originating from station CKLW-TV in Windsor. Three nationally televised feature attractions were from the Olympia Stadium in Detroit.

As for live shows, the Motor City Fighting club led the way with seven cards at the Motor City Arena and one at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck; two shows were offered in the Windsor Arena; two in Toledo; and one each in Lansing, Saginaw, Flint, Muskegon and Traverse City.

The most active fighter was Chuck Taylor, Morrie "Pop" Peilet's pleasing lightweight. Taylor took part in nine bouts.

Kenny Lane and Chuck Speiser made the most progress during the year and attained top challenging positions in their respective divisions. Lane won seven straight bouts, while Speiser went undefeated in three.

## PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
### *By Mickey Davies*

▶At the Arnold Pa. High School Gym, on Dec. 8th, Johnny Eubanks, 148, East Liberty, had his hands full in beating capable Charley Glover, 153½, Cincinnati, in ten frames.

▶Garvan Sawyer, 187, Cincinnati, Tom Tannas' new heavy star, racked up win number nine (he's had 10 fights) at the expense of Willard Williams, 188, Farrell, Pa., whom he iced in round two of the slated eight round semi-windup.

Results of the undercard—Walt Ingram, 121, Weirton, W. Va., beat Tony Christy, 124, Pitt, 6. Frankie Williams, 194, Cincinnati, another Tom Tannas entry, defeated capable Johnny Harper, 205, Steubenville, 6, and Willie Epps, 140, Youngstown decisioned Bob Branch, 143, Pittsburgh, 6.

▶Show was arranged by Benny Anolik, Tee Barto, and Coach Sam Tannas of the Arnold High School athletic staff.

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## IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
### *With Pinky Mitchell*
### *Former World Junior Welterweight Champion*

**TOMMY HURRICANE JACKSON OF NEW YORK** had to put on a hurricane finish at the Milwaukee Arena to gain a ten round decision over the harder hitting Julio Mederos of Cuba in a very interesting bout. The Cuban shook up the Hurricane in the 3rd, 6th and 7th rounds with powerful right hand smashes but his failure to take charge at the time cost him the fight. Jackson weighed 195¾, Mederos 193½ lbs.

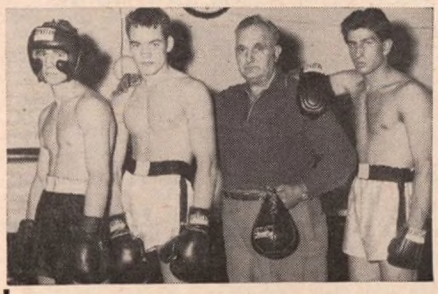
Wilbur Dillon, 144, Chicago, won the unanimous decision over Jake Jasota, 143½, Philadelphia in 8.

Norm Johnson, 141, Milwaukee, won the unanimous decision over Ed Perkins, 140, Chicago in 6.

George Jarosch, 174, Milwaukee, won the unanimous decision over Joe Chibe, 179, Chicago in 6.

Earl Dennis, 141¾, New York, scored a technical knockout in fourth over Don Mason 138, Milwaukee.

Attendance, 3,874. Receipts, $8,392.49 after taxes.

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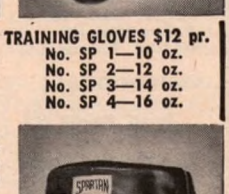

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# NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

## By JOHNNY SHARPE

IT is with the greatest regret that I have to write of the passing of one of British Boxing's most loved figures, and one of my oldest and dearest friends, Liverpool's Johnny Best.

Johnny, managing director of the Stadium, Liverpool, and for the past 24 years the leading promoter of boxing in the North of England, died at his home in West Kirky, Liverpool, at the age of seventy.

His death was a staggering blow to his numerous friends in and out of boxing, for he was one of the Noblest of God's creatures, and well beloved.

Born in Liverpool, he turned to seconding boxers as a young man to supplement his income, and gradually his interests in the game grew, until with the death of Pa Taylor (then promoter of the old Liverpool Stadium), Johnny took over the promotion at the Pudsey Street venue, and put on many a good show. When the site was sold to the Odeon Theatres Corporation, there were many willing backers to provide Johnny with a New Liverpool Stadium, and soon he was back in harness again.

It is a strange co-incidence that the new Stadium was built over an old graveyeard, for the place soon become known as "The Graveyard of Champions", and many a title holder lost his laurels in it's ring. Johnny Best, a booster of local talent, staged the first Lonsdale Belt Championship contest when Johnny Cuthbert retained his featherweight crown against Liverpool's Nel Tarleton. But eleven months later Tarleton reversed the decision and became Featherweight Champion of Great Britain.

It was then that Johnny Best brought across Freddie Miller to defend his Worlds Title against Tarleton at the Anfield Football Ground, in Liverpool. He was also responsible for Ernie Roderick getting a crack at Henry Armstrong's Welterweight Crown at Harringay, and was matchmaker for the National Sporting Club when they staged the Jimmy Walsh-Harry Mizler Lightweight Crown clash at the Empress Hall, London.

Johnny Best devoted his life to boxing and will be sorely missed. A giant among men, he was a great promoter, a wonderful friend and a first class human being.

"May His Dear Soul Rest In Peace".

▶HARRINGAY ARENA.—Dick Richardson, Wales, 200½, was defeated by the experience of the ringwise Nino Valdes, Cuba, 209, when the game Welshman retired in the eighth of a scheduled ten rounder.

Richardson, 22 years old, and as game as they come, tried hard, but couldn't make any headway against the tactics of the clever Cuban. Try as he would, Richardson was helpless when he tangled with Valdes at close quarters, and was taking a heavy beating. His face was badly bruised and his right eye almost closed when Manager Wally Lesley called over referee Andy Smythe, and announced Richardson's retirement. A wise move, for the youngster still has a great potential, but obviously is not yet ready for warriors of the Valdes class.

British Featherweight Champion Charlie Hill, Cambuslang, was smashed to defeat inside one round by the hammer heavy punches of fellow Scot Bobbie Neill. Neill, undefeated in fourteen contests as a professional, was unimpressed by his rival's championship status, and tore in determined to get it over with quickly. Hill took five counts before referee Tommy Little rightly called a halt. On this showing Neill is surely the best featherweight in the British Empire, and should shortly be worthy of World honours.

Liverpool Welterweight Tommy Malloy, 145½ stopped Tony Barrett, Pimlico, 145½, in the sixth session. . . . John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 120, stopped Allan Sillett, Acton, 120, in the fourth. . . . Len Reece, Cardiff, 112½, stopped Jimmy Quinn, Kirkintilloch, 111½, in the sixth. . . . Phil Harrington, Guildford, 173½, outpointed Len Mullen, Glasgow, 171½, over six rounds. . . . Basil Kew, Putney, 185, stopped Fenwick Ward, Jamaica, 214, in the third, a cut eyebrow causing the close. . . . Terry Gill, West Ham, 147½, outpointed Derek Cook, Pimlico, 147¾, over six rounds.

▶WEMBLEY TOWN HALL. — Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 136½, outpointed Pat Price, Newry, 139, over six rounds. . . . Roy West, Stepney, 158, outpointed Dennis Wingrove, Dagenham, 161¾, over six. . . . Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 125, outpointed Johnny Collier, Stepney, 128¼, over six. . . . Pancho Bhattachajee, India, 110½, knocked out Charlie Jiminez, Paddington, 104½, in the fourth. . . . Billy Kiernan, Shepherds Bush, 144½, outpointed Don Symonds, Bellingham, 146¾, over six. . . . Johnny Burke, Acton, 173, and Billy Smith, Croydon, 168¾, drew over six rounds. . . . Mick Rogers, Eltham, 137¾, outpointed Pat Loughran, Belfast, 141¾, over six.

▶BLACKPOOL.—Franky Kelly, Liverpool, 122, battled well to outpoint Don Armah, Gold Coast, 119, over eight rounder. . . . Jacky Tiller, Manchester, 122, outpointed Gerry Jones, Wigan, 119, over a hard hitting six rounder. . . . Eric Lord, Bacup, 114, outpointed Jimmy Lewis, Manchester, 118, over four rounds. . . . Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 130, stopped Jackie Quinn, Belfast, 131½, in the fourth. . . . Jeff Hollingworth, Halifax, 140, outscored Jed Kerpack, Blackpool, 139, over four rounds.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH.—Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 136½, knocked Derek Clarke, Burnley, 139½, down no less than eight times before the referee called a halt in the second round. . . . Charlie Howe, West Ham, 171¾, stopped Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 171½, in the sixth. . . Kenny Taylor, Norwich, 129½, fought hard to outpoint Ray Hillyard, Leeds, 130½, over six. . . . Freddie Britton, Kings Lynn, 166, stopped Danny Wall, Covent Garden, 174½, in the sixth. . . . Sammy Milsom, Bath, 159½, stopped Mick Angel, Cricklewood, 160¾, in the fourth. . . . Jack Burley, Hackney, 146½, notched a six rounds points win over Danny Larty, Gold Coast, 148, over six rounds.

▶WALSALL.—Mickey Driscoll, Brierley Hill, 137½, outscored Ray Akwei, Gold Coast, 137½, over eight hard hitting rounds. . . . Mickey Leahy, Cork, 150, knocked out Des Wilkins, Wednesbury, 149, in the second round. . . . Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 143, outpointed Joe Greer, Coventry, 148, over six rounds. . . . Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 120, stopped Doug Bestall, Burton, 117½, in the first. . . . Andy Doherty, Belfast, 127, knocked out Lionel Phillips, Coventry, 127, in the first round. . . . Billy Allport, Walsall, 128, outpointed Roger Westlake, Derby, 127, over four rounds.

▶LEEDS.—Jimmy Croll, Scottish Welterweight Champion, 148¼, stopped Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 151, in the second round. Croll punished Carroli heavily before the referee halted the bout. . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 141½, stopped Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 147, in the fourth. . . . Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 159, narrowly outpointed Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 160½, over eight rounds. . . . Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 177, stopped Billy Dean, Greenwich, 175, in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Sani Armstrong, Gold Coast, 145¼, outpointed Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 148¼, over eight rounds. . . . Jackie Scott, Preston, 168, outscored Danny Morgan, Castleford, 174¾, over six rounds. . . . Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 141¾, shaded Ken Lancaster, Doncaster, 148, over six.

▶BELFAST.—Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 137 knocked out Neville Tetlow, Manchester, 135½, in the third. . . . Teddy Barker, Swindon, 135½ stopped Jim McCormick, Belfast, 134½, in the fourth. . . . Martin Duffy, Belfast, 136, knocked out Eddie Bamber, Belfast, 141, in the first. . . . Joe Elwood, Belfast, 127, stopped Harry Hunter, Belfast, 123, in the fourth.

▶EPSON BATHS.—Neville Rowe, Australia, 172½, appearing as a late substitute, took only one round to knock out Fred Jackson, Custom House, 175½, in their scheduled eight rounder.

Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 129½, outscored Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 129¼, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Smith, Croydon, 169, stopped Malcolm Affleck, Guilford, 171, in the rounds. . . . Billy Smith, Croydon, 169, third. . . . Pat Loughran, Bethnal Green, 141½, easily outpointed Ron Gilbert, Stratford, 139¾, over six brisk rounds. . . . Dave Board, Taunton, 118, knocked out Bobby Sayers, Croydon, 115, in the first round. . . . Vernon Goodman, Christchurch, 162, outscored Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 160, over six rounds. . . . Al Pallent, Penge, 129¾, outpointed Dennis Saunders, Boreham Wood, 130, over four rounds.

▶LIVERPOOL STADIUM.—Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 159½, scored a narrow points decision over Les Allen, Bedworth, 162, over ten rounds. . . . Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 148, outpointed Jackie Butler, Preston, 144, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Corbett, Belfast, 149, smartly outpointed Bob Roberts, Birkenhead, 148, over six rounds. . . . Lol Reaney, Southport, 120, knocked out Jimmy Lewis, Manchester, 119, in the first. . . . Alf Cottam, Preston, 133, outpointed Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 129¾, over four rounds. . . .

▶BLACKPOOL. — Pat Glancy, Glasgow, 113½, outpointed Lew Devro, Liverpool, 115, over eight rounds. . . . Tex Williams, Carlisle, 148, stopped Billy Riley, Liverpool, 148, in the first round, the referee calling a halt after Riley had taken four counts. . . . Ron Bernard, Carlisle, 141, outpointed Pat Donald, Dublin, 142, over six rounds. . . . Tony Russell, Leeds, 131, outpointed Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 132, over four rounds. . . . Charlie Hadley, Preston, 154, stopped Danny Mack, Manchester, 154, in the first round.

### BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

**TO JANUARY 20, 1957**

| HEAVYWEIGHTS | CRUISERWEIGHTS | MIDDLEWEIGHTS | WELTERWEIGHTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Joe Erskine (W) | Yolande Pompay (T) | Pat McAteer (E) | George Barnes (A) |
| 2. James J. Parker (C) | Arthur Howard (E) | Jimmy Elliott (SA) | Darby Brown (A) |
| 3. Joe Bygraves (J) | Yvon Durelle (C) | Mike Holt (SA) | Peter Waterman (E) |
| 4. Henry Cooper (E) | Gordon Wallace (C) | Johnny Sullivan (E) | Frank Johnson (E) |
| 5. Kitione Lave (To) | Randy Turpin (E) | Yama Bahama (B) | Hector Constance (T) |
| 6. Dick Richardson (W) | Albert Finch (E) | Martin Hansen (E) | Evie Vorster (SA) |
| 7. Brian London (E) | Alex Buxton (E) | Lew Lazar (E) | Peter King (E) |
| 8. Peter Bates (E) | Isimeli Radrodro (F) | Les Allen (E) | Jimmy Croll (S) |
| 9. Tom Hini (F) | Johnny Halifihi (To) | Barry Brown (NZ) | Joe Ngidi (SA) |
| 10. Allen Williams (A) | Ricardo Marcos (A) | Bill Beazley (NZ) | Gilbert Petros (SA) |

| LIGHTWEIGHTS | FEATHERWEIGHTS | BANTAMWEIGHTS | FLYWEIGHTS |
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| 1. Willie Towcel (SA) | Hogan Bassey (WA) | Peter Keenan (S) | Dai Dower (W) |
| 2. Richie Howard (C) | Bobby Neill (S) | John Smillie (S) | Frank Jones (S) |
| 3. Joe Lucy (E) | Elijah Mokone (SA) | Kevin James (A) | Bindi Jack (A) |
| 4. George Bracken (A) | Charley Hill (S) | Graham v. d. Walt (SA) | Dick Currie (S) |
| 5. Paddy Graham (I) | Jimmy Brown (I) | Jimmy Carson (I) | Dennis Adams (SA) |
| 6. Boswell St. Louis (T) | Sammy Bonnici (M) | George Dorner (E) | Len Reece (W) |
| 7. Sammy McCarthy (E) | Matt Fulton (S) | Louis Joshua (SA) | Malcolm McLeod (E) |
| 8. Dave Charnley (E) | Percy Lewis (T) | Peter Moledi (SA) | Gerry Jooste (SA) |
| 9. Willie Lloyd (W) | Billy Kelly (I) | Teddy Rainbow (A) | Ado Garuba (WA) |
| 10. J. van Rensburg (SA) | Roy Jacobs (WA) | Pat Supple (C) | Ezekial Zhole (SA) |

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbadoes; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Hondoras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand (S)Scotland (SA) South Africa (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

▶ BELFAST.—Gil Neill, Belfast, 133, knocked out Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 138, in the third. . . . Ivan McCready, Millisle, 111, stopped Eric Lord, Bacup, 113, in the fourth. . . . Don Doherty, Belfast, 151¾, outpunched Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 147, and after five rounds the latter retired. . . . Al Thomas, Belfast, 135½, stopped Danny Hatton, Belfast, 136½, in the third. . . . Johnny Blane, Belfast, 141¾, stopped Billy Graham, Lisburn, 135¾, in the first session.

▶ NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.—Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 134, stopped George Whelan, Chiswick, 134, in the tenth and last round. . . . Peter Longo, Covent Gardens, 159½, outpointed Tim Giles, Stepney, 154, over eight rounds. . . . Peter Sexton, Charlton, 128, stopped Peter Reed, Cambridge, 127½, in the fifth. . . . George Davis, Nigeria, 145½, outpointed Don Symonds, Bellingham, 146½, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Collier, Stepney, 129, and Don Flack, Bermondsey, 130, drew over six rounds.

▶ DERBY.—Eric Brett, Retford, 118¼, outpointed Bill Downer, Stoke Newington, 118½, over eight rounds. . . . Ray Akwei, Gold Coast, 135, outscored Bill Sliney, Kings Cross, 139, over eight rounds. . . . Owen Brady, Worksop, 196½, defeated Cliff Purnell, Bath, 192, in a six rounds slugging match. . . . Fred Britton, Kings Lynn, 166, outpointed Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 163, over six. . . . Jerry Parker, Beeston, 110½, stopped Barry Adgie, Derby, 110½, in the fifth.

▶ LEITH.—Former Scottish Bantamweight Champion Malcolm Grant, Glasgow, 118½, scored a narrow points victory over Paul Dunne, Dublin, 121½, over eight rounds. . . . Archie Downie, Glasgow, 118, and Don Armah, Gold Coast, 117, put up quite a scrap for eight rounds before the nod went to Downie by the closest of margins. . . . Dave Mooney, Wishaw, 175, made an auspicious professional debut by outpointing Jackie Scott, Preston, 170½, over six rounds. . . . Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 145, and Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 149½, drew over eight. . . . Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 119½, outpointed Derry Treanor, Glasgow, 118, over six rounds.

▶ BELFAST.—Paddy Graham, Belfast, 138, and Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 137¼, had an eight rounds toe-to-toe slugfest, with neither lad giving ground. The nod went to Graham at the end of a terrific contest.

Billy Kelly, Derry, 137¼, won comfortably on points over Syd Greb, Liverpool, 137½, after eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 129½, who is to meet Bobby Neill, in a final eliminator for the British Featherweight Crown, was not at his best in his ten rounder with Jimmy Black, Trinidad, 127¼, but did enough to win comfortably on points. . . .

Jimmy Carson, Belfast, 119¾, outpointed George Dormer, West Ham, 117½ over eight. . . . Joe Quinn, Northern Ireland's Featherweight Champion, and challenger Jim Fisher, both tipped the scales overweight in their Championship match. The result was that Quinn was deprived of the title and the pair met at catchweights. Ex-Champion Quinn thereupon punished Fisher heavily and the bout was stopped in the fourth when Fisher's seconds skied the towel.

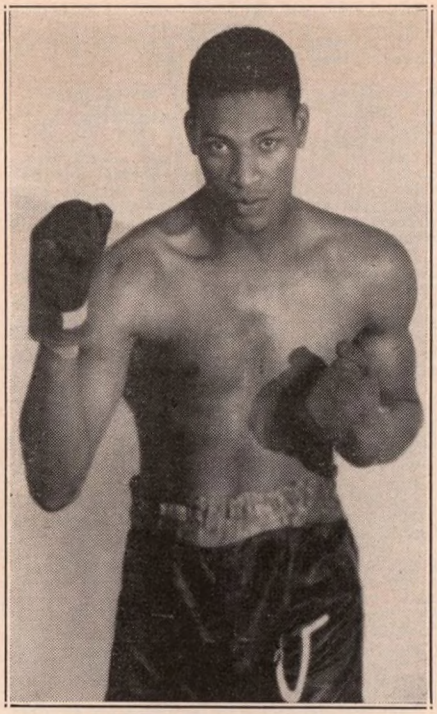
▶ SPALDING.—Ken Lancaster, Mexborough, 149½, knocked out Ron Bishton, Derby, 147½, in the third. . . . Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 151, outpointed Arthur Gomersall, Bradford, 140, over six rounds. . . . Peter Kidd, Grimsby, 120½, outpointed Roger Westlake, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 126, over six. . . . Pete Hallberg, Grimsby, 116, knocked out Doug Bestall, Burton, 119, in the fourth.

▶ BIRMINGHAM.—Frank Johnson, Manchester, 146, came very close to depriving champion Peter Waterman, Clapham, 145¾, of his British Welterweight Crown, in their scheduled fifteen rounds contest, for he took the initiative from the first gong. Johnson piled points as the bout got under way, and caused a big surprise when he floored Waterman for a 'nine' count in the fourth.

The Clapham lad fought back however, and was rewarded when in the tenth session, Johnson was forced to retire with his left eye completely closed. It was a great fight with all credit due to both lads who gave everything they had.

Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 134¾, kept up his winning streak with a clear points win over Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 135, after ten good rounds. . . . Les Morgan, Acton, 145¼, outscored Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 148, over eight. . . . Freddie Cross, Nuneaton, 158½, outpointed Charlie Lake, Catford, 160, over eight dull rounds. . . .

Derek Clarke, Burnley, 136, outpointed Mickey Driscoll, Brierley Hill, 136¾, over six rounds. . . . Eddie Hearn, Battersea, 206½, outpointed George Naufahu, Tonga, 190¾, over six. . . . Billy Corcoran, Acton, 147¾, stopped John Charles, Daventry, 145½, in the second. . . . Pancho Bhattachajee, India,



**Ringwise Nino Valdes, Cuban heavyweight, halted Dick Richardson in the eighth round at Harringay Arena in London and then followed by stopping Hans Friedrich in Germany.**

110, stopped Jerry Parker, Beeston, 113, in the fourth.

▶ My advice to "THE RING" Readers in The British Isles, Australia and New Zealand, that if they don't want to be left behind in their quest for a 1957 RING RECORD BOOK, to place their orders with The Atlas Publishing Co. Ltd., 18 Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London E. C. 4, ENGLAND, now. The 1957 Record Book will be 900 pages of ring history; records of past champions and current fighters from all parts of the world . . . DON'T be a disappointed reader for The 1957 issue.

▶ Bobby Neill, the Edinburgh Scot, now domiciled in London, has been voted by The Boxing Writers Club of Great Britain as THE BOXER OF THE YEAR.

The young Scot is undefeated in fourteen bouts and has the ability to win The British Title and looks like a likely candidate for Worlds Title Honours. . . . After watching Bobby in his first professional contest, I wrote in "THE RING" Magazine, that he showed capabilities of developing into a British Champion and then on to higher honours.

▶ SPALDING.—Ken Lancaster, Mexborough, 149½, knocked out Ron Bishton, Derby, 147½, in the third. Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 151, gained a well earned points decision over Arthur Gomersal, Bradford, 140, in a hard fought 6 rounder. . . . Peter Kidd, Grimsby, 120½, outpointed Roger Westlake, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 126, in six. Pete Halberg, Grimsby, 116, caused a surprise in scoring a four round Knock Out over Doug Bestall, Burton, 119. . . . Reg Jackson, Derby, 133, stopped Ian Bull, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 134, in the first.

▶ BLACKPOOL.—Frank Kelly, Liverpool, kept his undefeated record with a points win against Rudy Edwards, British Guiana, in eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Hernon, Manchester, outpointed Paddy Walmersey, Preston, in four. . . . Ron Kershaw, Blackpool, outpointed Ron Bernard, Carlisle, in four. . . . Charlie Hadley, Preston, knocked out Derek Reynolds, Blackpool, in the first.

## *Ring News from Sunny Australia*
## *By Ray Mitchell*

**SYDNEY SAW HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME ON NOVEMBER 19-** and are raving about the lad. He is middleweight CLIVE STEWART, a purposeful fighter who moves foward in the Joe Louis manner and starts throwing punches as soon as he is within range. Each punch is sent in a definite direction and he wastes nothing.

On the day he made his debut in Sydney, his opposite number was the holder of the Australian middleweight title, LUIGI COLUZZI. Stewart won the fight on points. But the fight itself could not be told in a bare result. Stewart thrashed Coluzzi, outclassing him and hammering him to greater defeat than any Australian champion has suffered in years. In doing so, Stewart broke a bone in his hand which will keep him on the sidelines for a while. Clive looks like our next champion. He is the most exciting fighter to appear in Sydney since Tommy Burns was in his heyday as Australian welterweight champion.

▶ At Sydney Stadium, BILLY MCDONNELL, who lost his title on a very questionable decision to Coluzzi in Melbourne, redeemed himself for recent losses, at the expense of CARLO MARCHINI. The result was a K. O. win to McDonnell when referee Vic Patrick stopped the fight owing to a badly cut eye, a swelling below the eye and the thrashing that Carlo was receiving. The bout ended at the end of the sixth round. Carlo was outpunched and punished, but he gamely walked up to his opponent throughout. There was only one clean knockdown—in the first round when McDonnell connected with a sweet left uppercut which sat Carlo on the seat of his pants.

▶ A new Australian lightweight champion was crowned at Brisbane when GEORGE BRACKEN knocked out the hitherto unbeaten RON KROGH in the second round. The title was vacant, owing to the previous champion, Col Clarke, outgrowing the division.

Twenty-four days earlier BRACKEN easily outpointed Italian importation, TONY BORRACCIA, at Melbourne Stadium.

▶ TIBERIO MITRI, who made his Australian debut a few weeks ago in Melbourne when he outpointed Australian light-heavyweight champion, Ricardo Marcos, showed Sydney fans what a good boxer he is when he easily outpointed DON BRONCO JOHNSON. Mitri won as he liked except for one round, the sixth.

▶ At Melbourne, Mitri did a repeat job on MARCOS, but the decision was close. Tiberio wants to go home but may return to Australia in a few months to fight Stewart.

▶ DON JOHNSON had an easy night at Broken Hill when he stopped RUDY CRIVAC in a tame fight.

▶ At Sydney Stadium, Maltese SAMMY BONNICI, unbeaten to date in Australia, comfortably outpointed Italian importation, SERGIO CAPRARI. The latters manager, Proietti protested but the verdict was very fair.

▶ Welter BARRY HANSEN did a repeat job on DON BARNES at Brisbane Stadium but it was a hairline decision. Don, brother of champion George, is a tough boy and one of the best welters in the country.

▶ Adelaide Stadium opened for the first time in a year on December 7, when ALFIE SANDS fought a hectic draw with FRANCO VESCOVI.

▶ BILLY TODD and BILLY STANLEY received their chances to make the big time at Sydney Stadium. Todd won very comfortably but neither boxer added to his list of fans. It was a quiet fight. They are welters.

Here is a list of the Australian champions: Heavyweight, Allen Williams; Light-Heavyweight, Ricardo Marcos; Middleweight, Luigi Coluzzi; Welterweight, George Barnes; Lightweight, George Bracken; Featherweight, Bobby Sinn; Bantamweight, Kevin James; Flyweight, Bindi Jack.

## SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
## *By Eric Moolman*

▶ Willie Toweel, the South African and Empire Lightweight champion, confirmed his superiority over Richie "Kid" Howard, the Canadian champon, in their return fight over 10 rounds at the Olympia Ice Rink, Johannesburg.

Toweel conceded two pounds to Howard at a catchweight limit of 136 lbs., and outboxed and outfought the Canadian to win clearly on points. Howard badly damaged his left hand in the fight.

Wally Millier outpointed Eddie Zinn.

Ronnie Dean beat Dennis Adams, national Flyweight champ.

Len von Graevenitz KO'd Cocky Bredenkamp in 3 rounds.

Vic Toweel, former World Bantamweight champion, made a brief comeback recently to appear in two exhibition bouts with Cocky Bredenkamp at East London. Toweel still showed some of his old skill and appeared to be in good condition.

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## WASHINGTON, D. C. CAPERS
### *By Mike Geary*

**ISIDRO MARTINEZ, FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION OF PANAMA** made his American debut by winning a unanimous ten round decision over the highly favored Ike Chestnut of New York City. Nationally televised from Capital Arena, it started Goldie Ahearns' 1957 promoting off with a bang and gave Washington fight fans as well as the televiewers one of the hottest bouts out of this town in many a month.

The flashy Panamanian commenced the fight as a righthander and early in the third switched to south paw tactics which floored Chestnut. Again in the sixth, Chestnut was in bad trouble and nearly down from a left to the chin. In the judging, Referee Charley Reynolds scored 99-85 in favor of Martinez, Judge Julian Whitestone saw it Martinez on top 99-88 and Judge Benny Alperstein scored his card 100 for Martinez and 87 for Chestnut, giving all rounds to the winner.

Len Kanthal, 198, former Washington, D. C. Golden Gloves champion, won his fourth pro bout in four starts by turning in a 3rd round TKO over Randy Brevard, 180, Washington, D. C. . . . Kanthal dropped his rangy opponent three times in the second round and Brevard failed to appear for the third.

Sonny Boy Williams, 141, Washington, D. C., won a six round unanimous decision from Herman Hickman, 139, Pittsburgh. Kid Crockett, 190, Washington, KO'ed Roland Randall, 189, Washington in first. Johnny Melenez, 133, Panama and stablemate of the main event winner, won a four round decision over Walter Taylor, 132, Washington, D. C. . . . Sugar Art, 147, Washington, D. C. KO'ed Jimmie Guess, 148, Chattanooga, Tenn., in the first round

▶A host of former worlds' heavyweight and other division champions turned out to attend a recent testimonial banquet given in honor of promoter Goldie Ahearn at the Statler Hotel. . . . Jim Gannon, former Washington Lt. Heavy, whose last fight was a Garden loss to Floyd Patterson, has been appointed as a member of the District Boxing Commission.

## NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
### *By Ike Morales*

**BOXING IN NEW ORLEANS PROVIDED INTERESTING SPORT** during 1956, and and with rival promoters digging in for top attractions, a number of ranking fighters displayed their wares before local audiences.

Topped by the lightweight championship fight in which Joe Brown won the title in 15 rounds from Wallace (Bud) Smith, the Crescent City was blessed with three nationally televised fights—all promoted by the Louisiana Boxing Club in which Bonnie Geigerman and J. T. Owen are co-promoters.

The Brown-Smith fight, naturally, attracted the biggest gate. Despite TV, the gate want $45,000 for their showdown.

Other televised fights here during '56 found Charley Joseph whipping Milo Savage in April ($14,000), and Willie Pastrano besting Chuck Spieser in May ($36,000).

▶December is usually a dull month for boxing, and one of the best reasons is the Sugar Bowl football classic and the Mid-Winter Sports program.

Despite this, however, two shows were staged, one in which Neal Rivers defeated Charley Joseph in a 10-round thriller and another in which Charlie Scott, Philadelphia welterweight, stopped Ernie Burford of Memphis in eight rounds.

Burford gave Scott, 146¾, plenty of trouble before the latter put the Memphis boy away in 2:46 of the eighth. Burford, 151¼, send in some stinging lefts that appeared to annoy the Pennsylvania welterweight, but once the fight passed the half-way mark, Scott turned on the juice and showed his superiority.

The gate grossed a little under $800.

Johnny Howard stopped Joey Lewis in the second round while Joe Cook defeated Solis Scott in another over the six round distance. It was supposed to be an "acid test" for Cook, who came from behind to outfight and outbox the southpaw.

Reggie Williams outpointed James Williams, and Sammy Davis bested Cleveland Hamilton in the fours.

▶Johnny Coulon, former world's bantamweight champion, made one of his many visits to New Orleans, scene of several of his biggest fights. The veteran Chicago handler of CYO boxers came with a picked squad from the Windy City to battle the Crescent City amateurs in the Sugar Bowl boxing program on December 28 in Municipal Auditorium.

The New Orleans team scored a 6-2 victory over the Chicagoans, but several of the visitors showed great promise in developing into pro stars.

Coulon recalled his fights here George Kitson, Earl Denning, Jim Kendrick, Charley Harvey, Frankie Conley and Frankie Burns, several of which were title fights. Coulon admitted that all were tough ones, but his fight with Conley was one of the toughest.

## UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
### *By Tom Ephrem*

**A PAIR OF TELEVISED FIGHTS IN THE MIAMI** locale entertained millions of boxing fans during late December. The first featured Willie Pastrano, Ring Magazine's third ranking heavyweight, with Charley Norkus in a Chris Dundee-Jim Norris presentation and was won by Pastrano. The other, a lightweight duel between Baby Vasquez and Ring's rated Paolo Rosi was taken by the Baby. Promoting this last were Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., and Jim Norris, of the IBC.

▶Willie Pastrano won easily over Charley Norkus in their tenner and didn't lose a round doing it. The only break for Norkus, a hard hitter from New Jersey who didn't fill the same role this time, came in the fourth round when both judges, Stu Winston and Eddie Thal tabbed the round even. Referee Cy Gottfried gave Pastrano, formerly of New Orleans but now of Miami Beach, all 10 heats. Willie was too slippery for Charley. The weights were: Pastrano, 189½, and Norkus, 194. The boys attracted 2,534 fans, good for a gate of $7,179.

In other bouts: Andy Mayfield, 154, Miami, won an eight-semi splitter from Gomeo Brennan, 151, Bimini. Don Horner, 160, Monmouth, Arizona, punched out a four over Ricco Saunders, 153, Miami. Tony Padron, 135, Caracas, won a four from Curt Ennis, 133, of Durham. Joe Gilchrist, 130, Washington, D. C., grabbed four from John Helly, 127, Miami. Dick Custer, 155, Bay City, Mich., won a TKO in three over John Babiak, 156, of Hartford.

▶Across from the Beach that same week, Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., collaborated with the International Boxing Club to feature the highly regarded Paolo Rosi, of Italy, and Baby Vasquez, of Mexico, on December 28th, in Miami. Rosi, a 2½ to 1 favorite, lost the bout which featured considerable action, when Dr. James McCormick ordered the fight stopped in the seventh due to a cut over Paolo's right eye, and another over his left eye.

The fighters were engaged in a lively tangle and Vasquez, coming up after Rosi had earned the better of the mill earlier, found the range to spurt ahead on two of the officials' cards. The weights; Vasquez, 135, and Rosi, 134½. The fight attracted 1,129 fans and the gate was $1,968.

Promising Jimmy Peters, 150½, Miami, took another step ahead in the Southern Welterweight tourney by gaining the eight round decision in the semi over Willie (Kid) Johnson, 148, of Miami. The loser was downed in the third.

Bob Pericas, 129, Miami, won by a TKO in three over Red Addison, 126¾, Miami. Billy Hall, 143, Miami, TKOed Sonny Pearson, 138, Miami, in the third, Referee Eddie Eckert stating Pearson "got something in his eye." John Trombley, Hialeah's promising newcomer, 142¾, halted Chico Modesto, 144, of San Juan, in the third round.

▶Inspired by his three year old son's yell to knock his foe out, Bobby Lane did just that and also made good his statement he would do away with Billy Kilgore in five. Only hitch was, Lane needed only four. Thus one of the Miami season's biggest upsets took place under the sponsorship of the Variety Club at Major W. H. Peeples' arena.

Using a one-two combination, Bobby dropped Billy with a straight right to the button. The loser was counted out by Referee Billy Regan. The winner, from Kannapolis, North Carolina, tipped 169¾, and the faded star from Miami, 174.

The semi-final eight provided a split decision after action by Andy Mayfield and Jerry Fowler. It went to Mayfield, 154¾, of Miami. Fowler, from Indianapolis, tipped 160¼.

A local boy making good, John Tombley, of Hialeah, weighing 146, annexed a sixer from George Cooper, 157, Miami. Richie (Deadpan) Argo, 133½, Miami Beach, got the best of Glen Holloway, 134¼, Hollywood, Florida, in a four round bout. Billy Hall, 143¾, Miami, won a four from Al DuBois, 137¾, Miami. Attending fans, 1,315, produced a gross gate of $3,472.

▶Ray Portilla, mentioned as from Houston, Texas, and Alphonso Estrado, as from Havana, Cuba, tangled in the top bill at Fort Lauderdale on November 24th and travelled 10 fast rounds to a draw. This was a bout we missed in our last edition.

## LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
### *By Ken (Duke) Stigner*

**THE WINTER SEASON OPENED AT WILKES-BARRE WITH THE FIRST OF A SERIES** of amateur shows staged by the newly formed Wyoming Valley Boxing Club with more than 700 fans in attendance. Eight bouts were staged with five of them turning into pier six brawls. The feature brought together Carbondale's Joe Vosefski, of the Rocky Marciano Boys' Club who kayoed Walker Smith of the Newtown Boys' Club, Wilkes-Barre in 2.29 of the third round. The boys are welterweights.

In another bout, Frank Dudley of the South Branch YMCA, decisioned Bernie Klemchak of the Pittston AC. Before the bout ended both men kissed the canvas.

The card started with a bout in the 118-pound class. In this one Chris Coleman, Philadelphia's 23rd Precinct PAL gained a TKO over Tom Klekalka in 50 seconds of the second round. In another 118-rounder Frank Russo, Philadelphia, decisioned Aldo Modoni, also of Philly.

In the 147-pound class, Mike Lucas, Pottsville, copped the decision from Bernie Stokes, Philly and Leo Rindgen, Newtown AC, kayoed Joe Buonopane, Philadelphia in 2.50 of the first round.

In the 160-pound class, Dave Coates, Pottsville, copped the duke over Bobby Claus of Newtown.

Len Mathews, Philadelphia, TKO'd Bernie Claiborne of Wilkes-Barre in one.

## LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
### *By Joe Martin*

**THE CARDINAL SPORTS CLUB PROMOTED IT'S SECOND BOXING CARD** in the Sheraton-Seelbach Hotel. It was a weird sight, to see hotel rooms used as dressing rooms and the fighters shadow boxing in a bar off the arena. The bouts were held in the Banquet Hall of the Hotel. In the main event Sherman Williams, Louisville middleweight punched his way to a clever eight round decision over Bobby Gordon 162 of Hunting W. Va.

Charles Glovers, 157, Cincinnati, knocked out Billy Tuck, 154, of Louisville, in the fourth round. Ruddell Stitch, 145, Louisville decisioned Preimus Williams, 145, Cincinnati in six. Johnny Freeman, 192, Fort Wayne, Ind. decisioned Alvis Perkins, 185, of Louisville in 6. Billy Martin, 140, Louisville decisioned Donald Hughes, 141, of Fort Wayne in 4. Dee Russell Moore, 138, Louisville and Oscar Ayers, 134, of Fort Wayne, Ind. drew in 4. Please send notes to Joe Martin 215 N. 35th Street, Louisville 12, Kentucky.

## NAT FLEISCHER SAYS

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bourne and Helsinki, next.

Others are Terry Spinks, the British bantam; Tom McTaggart, the British lightweight who received the highest award for all-around ability; Harry Kurchat, German lightweight; Wolfgang Behrendt, German bantam; Guennaddi Chatkov, a corking good Russian middleweight; Joe Torres, U. S. light middleweight and Jim Boyd, U. S. light heavyweight.

They showed enough ability to indicate success as pros.

Boxing the world over holds the interest of the people as few other sports do. That I have found on journeys I've made to many parts of the globe. I have seen young men of many nations take part in national and international competition and not a country have I visited that hasn't boxing as part of its entertainment. The calibre of competition is far below that of years ago before television took its toll of both fight clubs and boxers, but it continues to furnish the thrills.

When one looked over the list of entries in the Melbourne Olympic tournament, he quickly realized to what extent the sport has grown since World War Two. Nations that four years ago didn't have more than a dozen boxers within their border, had a sufficient number last year to enable them to muster a team for Olympic competition. Even little Korea, Formosa, China, Iran and the Fiji Islands, countries where the sport was either localized or unheard of, were represented.

All of which convinced me more than ever that boxing is a universal sport that cannot be killed no matter how powerful the attacks upon it by such as Dr. Summerskill in England and others in this country who seek its death knell. Those whose aim it is to destroy a sport that has flourished for upwards of 2000 years, will never succeed in their mission if what was seen in the Olympic Games and the interest displayed in The Ring Magazine and in my personal appearance in my recent two months tour, is a criterion.

The fact that I was called upon for broadcasts, both television and radio, twenty-nine times, speaks for itself. In addition, I made six ten minute records for the National Radio of New Zealand —all on boxing.

In what other sport does a foreigner get such an opportunity to discuss his favorite pastime with the public?

During a forty-five minute program, "*The Voice of Visitors,*" in Melbourne, several in the audience asked if Bud Shulberg's picture, "*The Harder They Fall,*" then showing in the city theatres, was based on facts.

One woman inquired, "*Isn't it true as we have been told in an article in 'Esquire,' that most fights in America, especially in New York, are fixed?*"

When I answered in the negative, an elderly gentleman inquired: "*Would a gentleman like Paul Gallico write such statements and the producers of Mr. Shulberg's picture accept his story for the cinema if what was written were not true?*"

Since part of the program was devoted to questions and answers, I was amazed at the interest displayed 15,000 miles from New York in our country's boxing affairs.

An elderly woman, holding up a copy of Dr. Summerskill's book, "*Boxing is Murder,*" asked if I had read the attack on boxing by the British member of Parliament and if so, did I agree with her that boxing should be abolished.

Again my answer was definitely no, and I gave my reasons.

They didn't suffice. The woman said: "*Is there any doubt in your mind that most boxers wind up punch drunk or in an insane asylum as Dr. Summerskill has written?*"

Such tripe is imbedded in the minds of most foreigners, based on the false premise that forms the basis of American gangster-boxers pictures and prejudiced, often highly imaginative magazine articles written in a manner to attract public attention without due regard to the truth.

The people in foreign countries have digested this tripe, hook, line and sinker. The motion pictures that pack the theatres are the fight pictures since they furnish the thrills and every one of these, portrays crookedness, gangsterism and undercover management.

Is it any wonder why the people in far off lands believe that American sports, particularly boxing, is infested with the scum of our country?

What a pity such an impression of American boxing rests with the world at large.

What about the hundreds of fine boys, high school lads, college bred athletes who participate in boxing?

What about the many top citizens of our country who have devoted the best part of their life to the sport?

In America, I told my audience, we attacked the existing evils in a public spirited manner and that's more than can be said of conditions I found existing in several foreign lands in previous trips. One needs only to see how the sport is conducted in far off countries to realize how much better off we are in America with our legislative bodies in control.

In Australia, for example, the police regulate the sport. A high official sits at the ringside, examines the gloves and has full control. He seldom interferes with the referee, but acts if he notes any violations.

In New Zealand, boxing is controlled by an association whose members have control over the licenses. Like the British Board of Control, the body takes over full jurisdiction over amateur and pro boxing and five percent is taken from each show to enable the committee to carry on.

In the Fiji Islands, a committee handles all licenses but the police as in Australia, have final say.

In almost every country I have ever visited, and that goes for England, France, Germany and Italy as well as those in the Southern Pacific area, the undercover managers carry on as they do in the States. Though regulations prohibit a promoter from also being a manager, I found as in our own country which is so severely criticized, that they do exist and often on a large scale. Matchmakers and promoters often also are the men who hold the reins over the best fighters but since this is not brought to light in investigations as in the States, we take the attacks while they go on peacefully.

Stern discipline in the supervision of boxing, pro and amateur, is welcomed by all who have the best interests of the sport at heart. What hurts, are the reports, unfortunately true in the U. S., of the alliance between criminals and boxing that has spread to the far corners of the earth and has given to American professional boxing so black a standing that one finds it difficult to convince people in foreign lands that the undercover hoods exposed in the California, Pennsylvania and New York investigations add up to less than five percent of the thousands with unblemished records who are associated with boxing.

Sandy Saddler, world featherweight champion, upon being advised by the New York State Athletic Commission that he must undergo an examination, declared that upon the advice of his legal department he is retiring, thereby vacating the featherweight title. Thus ends the turbulent ring career of the great little fighter who fought the commissions numerous times over the matter of his infrequent defenses of the title.

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## A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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like Charley Goldman think about situations like this—the ace trainer often having boxed twice in one night back around the turn of the century. In Mexico, probably, such a flagrant violation of the rules as two fights in one night would call for a jail term. All Goldman got was a "*mouse*" under one eye and $32—$20 in one club and $12 in the other.

"*Jones,*" shouted the coach, "*if I was as big as you I'd be heavyweight champion of the world!*"

## SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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▶At the end of five rounds it looked as though another startling upset was on the way at St. Nicholas Arena. Boxing smartly and scoring effectively with right counters, Gene Johns, 145½, Harlem, was leading Garnett (Sugar) Hart, 145½, Philadelphia, on the scorecards of all three officials. The stylish Hart, a 3½ to 1 favorite, seemed confused by Johns' tactics and was repeatedly jolted by the Harlemite's fast sneak punches. Things, however, took a sudden, sensational turn in the sixth. Hart came out fighting and blasted his way through Johns' defenses. A volley of lefts and rights sent Gene sagging to his knees, grasping the ropes. Up at nine, the wobbly Harlemite was quickly battered to the canvas again. Once more he stumbled up at nine. Hart ripped into him with both fists flying and when Johns hit the floor for the third time, the affair automatically ended. Time of round: 1:14. It was Hart's third straight knockout at the St. Nick, and gave the former National A.A.U. lightweight and welterweight champion a professional record of 19 wins (17 by kayo) in 20 starts. Danny Russo, 150½, Brooklyn, outpointed Al Dixon, 147½, Long Island City, in the semi-final six. Peter Schmidt, 144½, Yorkville, won from Roger Harvey, 142, Bermuda, in another six. In fours, Roland Blackman, 135, West Side, drew with Jimmy Leftwich, 139, Newark; Billy Oliver, 151, Paterson, did likewise with Felix Machado, 148, Cuba, and LeRoy Spivey, 184, Bronx, polished off Dick Brucker, 176¾, Lebanon, Pa., at 1:47 of the fourth.

## GASPAR ORTEGA

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Indio neither drinks liquor nor smokes. He regularly sends money to his parents. He is supporting them and three younger brothers and two sisters. El Indio plans to have them well educated."

When Ortega went to get soda, Api proceeded to unload further information about the boxer.

"Nick Corby picked him up in March, 1954. After teaching the Indian string bean—a lanky lightweight at the time—some essentials of ring lore for three months, Nick matched him with David Cervantes in Ensenada. Gaspar absorbed a terrific lambasting for ten rounds, being dropped almost a dozen times."

In a letter describing the fight, Nick stated: "Never have I seen a fighter beaten like that, nor a boy displaying such great courage as Ortega did. That and his humility and courtesy won him my everlasting friendship. A month later I put him in with Baby Franco, a good boxer, to see if Gaspar had the real stuff. He came through just fine; won a ten-round decision. Then I sent him to New York—to be cared for by my friend Jimmy Stinson, who is my partner and had been my manager when I was a boxer.

"Before sending Ortega to the States," the letter continued, "I spent about two thousand bucks on him. It was an investment. I told the kid that if he lived right, trained hard, fought well and justified my confidence in him, I'd forget the two grand. Well, not only have I crossed off the debt but I keep sending him nice presents."

The lanky fighter—he stands 5-foot 10½—came into the room bearing soda-filled glasses on a tray and wearing a friendly expression on his face.

"Here's an interesting sidelight as to how I fit into the picture," said Rodriguez, taking a sip of soda.

"Around 1938, when I was boxing under Jimmy Stinson's management who, incidently, is a bank teller, I was also teaching an ambitious chap—Nick Corby, the science of the ring. Later I turned Corby over to Stinson. Jimmy handled him—together with myself—till Nick and I retired as fighters. Thus, as boxing was concerned, we became disassociated."

Gaspar, understanding almost nothing of what was being said, remained sitting silently on a chair, like a well-behaved curious child.

"Stinson, Corby and I got together again when Ortega arrived," resumed Api. "Because Nick is in or around Mexico most of the time, Stinson is in charge of Ortega here—and, as proven by results, doing a tremendous job of managing him. My responsibility is training El Indio. I'm also his guardian. He lives here, in my house. He has his own room. He gets along swell with my wife and children. He feels like he's one of the family. We consider him as such."

Before the year ended Gaspar had four bouts—winning two, boxing a draw with Tommy Barto and losing a close duke to him. Then, while visiting his family, Ortega—boxing under Nick Corby's care—scored seven knockouts in Mexico and lost a disputed 12-round contest billed, "for the Welterweight Championship of Baja, California." His opponent was his old rival, David Cervantes whom he had stiffened a few months previously in 8 heats at Tijuana.

On his return to Manhattan in August, 1955, Gaspar brought with him his brother Feliciano, a lightweight—boxing under the name Sapo (Frog) Ortega. The lad also makes his home with the Rodriguez family and is being managed by Corby and Stinson, with Api training him.

That same month El Indio defeated Frank Bombiani in the Garden, gained a ten-round verdict over Juan Tejada in Syracuse, dropped a six-round nod to Tex Gonzales in Cleveland, then punched out a clean-cut victory over him in the same city. Early in 1956, the pair clashed in a rubber semi-final match at the Garden. Ortega's victory over Tex was so sensational that he was awarded a main event date at that arena.

"Ah, but look at the opponent they selected for him," grunted Rodriguez. "None other than Isaac Logart, the Number 3 welterweight contender at the time. The classy Cuban managed to gain the verdict after ten furious rounds—a somewhat tainted verdict, I might add."

The boy from across the border next tangled with a strong and aggressive middleweight, Hardy Smallwood, and lost a hairline decision to him at the St. Nick Arena. At the same club a month later, Gaspar beat Gene Poirier.

While on another visit home, Ortega engaged Smallwood in a return bout and handed Hardy a mean pasting, twice sending him to the canvas.

"On his return to the States," spoke up Api, who dislikes to remain silent long, "El Indio was rematched with Logart. The fight—for which he trained extra hard—was held in Boston, on October 17 of last year and Ortega, a 5-to-1 underdog, scored a sensational upset triumph and became a boxer very much in demand. Then came the bouts with DeMarco.

"What's your favorite food?" asked the interviewer of Ortega.

"Enchiladas," was the reply. "Also steak, and rice and beans—which I often like to prepare myself. My pastime," Gaspar answered the second question, "is playing baseball. Also swimming and hunting and fishing. My favorite cinema star is, of course, the incomparable Mexican screen comic—Continflas. I intend," El Indio added with a shy smile, "to meet him in person when I next visit my homeland."

A conservative dresser, Ortega then proudly put on view a half-dozen sky-pieces, felt hats and caps he said he wore on different occasions; most of them garishly colored or oddly shaped. He also showed three beautiful silk robes. A devout Catholic, Gaspar has an image of the Virgin Guadalupe under which he has a candle burning night and day. On the day of his fight he goes to church and prays for one hour to the Virgin Guadalupe.

"Have you a girl-friend?" was the next question.

"No," said Api, stepping into the room. "That is, nothing serious. He loves his mother too much to give his affection to another woman—for some time to come, he says.

His record to date—won 38—sixteen by KO. Lost six. Drew one.

Here is how Gaspar usually spends the day: rises at 7 A.M., and hits the road—he does roadwork daily, whether he has a fight on or not. Until lunch-time he listens to Mexican recordings, playing them on a small record player in his room, or reads Spanish novels. He arrives at Stillman's Gym about 5 P.M., and works out under the directions of Api Rodriguez. He comes home at seven, eats dinner, then goes to his room and writes letters to his family and friends in Mexico. Some evenings he goes to the movies. Bed-time is 10:30.

Ortega has Indian symbols tattooed on his right forearm and thigh and on the left shoulder. What the strange symbols stand for, is his secret.

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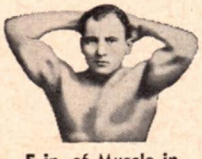

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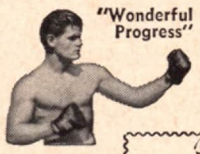

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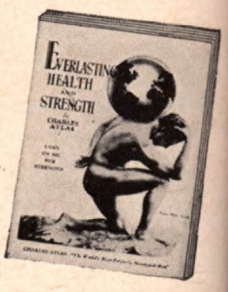


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